

BITING DIPTERA OF MEDICAL
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INTRODUCTION

The medical importance of dipterous insects was realized with the discovery during the late 1800's that mosquitoes were capable of transmitting malaria to man. Since that time many diseases, such as yellow fever, dengue, filariasis, various forms of encephalitis, tularemia and anaplasmosis, which affect man and other species of animals, have been proved to be transmitted by certain insects of the order Diptera.

Information on the Kansas Diptera of medical importance is scattered, for the most part, throughout various publications. This paper is intended to bring together known and new information on the characterization, bionomics, medical importance, distribution in Kansas and the United States, and the control of the Kansas species of medically important insects. Insects of more medical importance in Kansas are the mosquito, horse fly and deer fly, black fly and biting midges.

In characterizing the various insects, a complete description is not given, but the outstanding recognition characters and the most important descriptions are given. The keys for identification and description of various species are a combination of characteristics believed by the writer to be the most valuable, in combination with those taken from various authorities, such as Carpenter and LaCasse (1955), mosquitoes; Philip (1947), Schwardt (1936), Brennan (1935), Hays (1956) and Stone (1938), horse fly and deer flies; Foote and Pratt (1954), biting midges; and Smart (1944) and Nicholson and Mickel (1950), black flies. The bionomics are given for each individual species when available and when sufficiently different, or when it entails specialized control measures. The medical importance is given

where applicable to individual species or groups. A generalized distribution in the United States is given, as reported by various authors in catalogs, monographs and various other publications. The information on the distribution in Kansas was obtained from various publications, specimens in the Kansas State College collection and specimens collected during the last year in light traps and surveys in and around Riley county, conducted by the writer. Despite numerous collection sites throughout the state there were very few medically important Diptera collected. This is probably due to the drought conditions which have been experienced in Kansas during the last four or five years.

The compiling of this information for Kansas will give the epidemiologist, veterinarian, entomologist and zoologist a rather complete summary of information, published and unpublished. In addition, it will provide useful information for students.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Kansas Mosquitoes

There are very few published works for Kansas, other than Overman (1906), "Notes on some Mosquitoes of Douglas County"; DeMoss (1937), a thesis entitled "The Biology of the Mosquitoes in Kansas and a Key for their Identification" (partially published in Trans. Kans. Acad. Sci., 1939); and Lungstrom (1950), a thesis entitled "Biological Studies on the Common Pasture Mosquito, Culex tarsalis Coq.". Unpublished data by Beadles (1944) deals with mosquitoes found in certain military areas in Kansas.

Howard (1900), Dyar (1922) and Matheson (1929) published on mosquitoes of the United States and North America. Olson and Keegan (1944b) listed the

species found in and around army installations in Kansas and (1944a) gave new distributional records of mosquitoes in Kansas and surrounding states. There also is a summary of the collection program in the Missouri river basin states (Anonymous, 1951). McNeel and Ferguson (1954) listed 47 species of mosquitoes occurring in Kansas. Carpenter and LaCasse (1955) published a definitive work on the taxonomy, biology, geographical distribution and medical importance of the mosquitoes in the United States with excellent illustrations.

Various other publications which contain limited information on the taxonomy, bionomics, and medical importance of certain species of Kansas mosquitoes are Owen (1937), Rozsboom (1942), Rees (1943), Tate and Gates (1944), King, et al. (1944), Ross (1947), Stage, et al. (1952), Owen and Gerhardt (1957) and Barr (1958).

Kansas Tabanids

Brennan (1935) was one of the first to bring together a monographic study in his publication entitled "Pangoniinae of Nearctic America". In this paper descriptions, comparative notes, remarks, type data, and distributional data are given. Stone (1936) covers essentially the same type of data as Brennan in his publication entitled "The Horseflies of the Subfamily Tabaninae of the Nearctic Region". Philip (1947) in his catalog of the nearctic region has a key to the genera, gives synonymous names and excellent references to keys and descriptions of species. Philip (1931) and Schwardt (1936) have papers dealing with the biology and taxonomy of Minnesota and Arkansas species, respectively. A list of species occurring in the Arkansas White-Red river basin is presented (Anonymous, 1955). Hays (1956) in his

synopsis of the Tabanidae of Michigan, gives keys and description to many of the species found in Kansas. Other publications containing certain species of Kansas horse flies are Fairchild (1950), MacCreary (1940) and Fattig (1946).

Kansas Black Flies

The earlier studies on the classification of Simuliidae are summarized by Smart (1945) and, in addition, synonymy, keys to genera and the geographical area in which each species occurs are given.

The first work in Kansas was done by Emery (1913) on the morphology and biology of Simulium vittatum and its distribution in Kansas. Malloch (1914) reviewed the black flies in the United States Museum and Dyar and Shannon (1927) gave keys, descriptions and distribution of the North American black flies. Stains and Knowlton (1943) published on the taxonomic and distribution of the black flies of the western United States, and Nicholson and Mickel (1950) gave keys, descriptions, distribution and synonymy of the black flies in Minnesota. A list of the species occurring in the Arkansas White-Red river basin is also available (Anonymous, 1955).

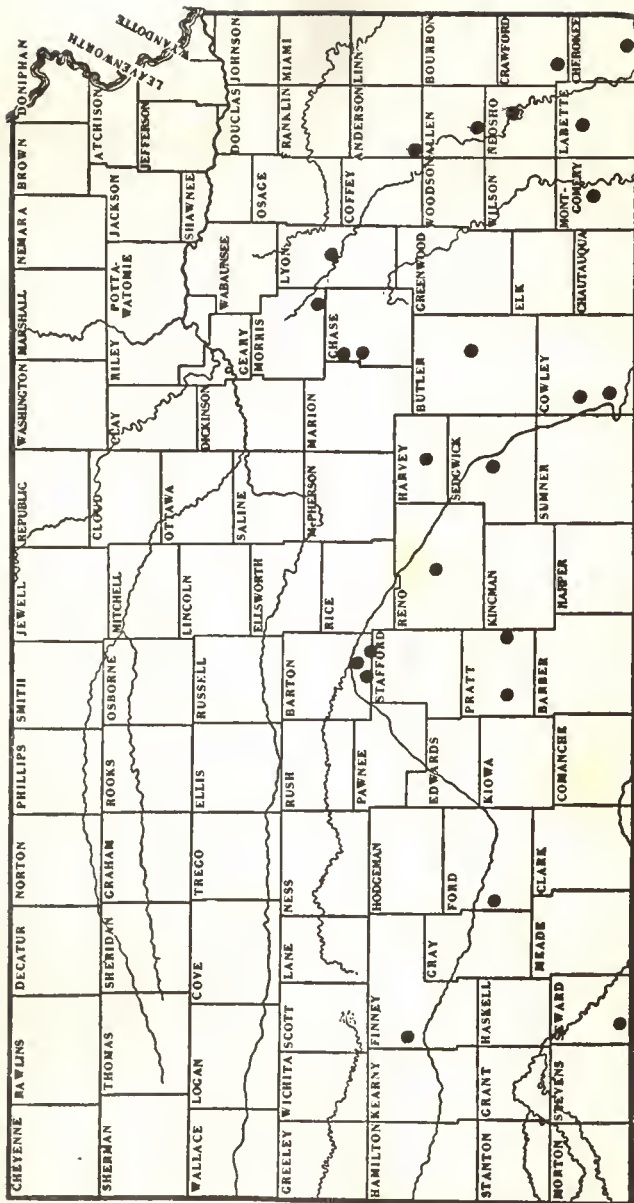
Kansas Biting Midges

The first important work on the species occurring in the United States was done by Malloch (1915). Hoffman (1925) reviewed all previous work on the species occurring in North and Central America. Root and Hoffman (1937) gave additional data on new species, distribution, biology and keys. Johannsen (1943) published a synopsis, taxonomic bibliography and a list of the North American species. Wirth (1952) gives descriptions, keys, and

EXPLANATION OF PLATE I

Location of adult mosquito trap stations in the Arkansas White-Red
river basin.

PLATE I



figuree on the western Culicoides, and Foote and Pratt (1954) in a monograph entitled "The Culicoides of the Eastern United States" encompassed the species occurring in Kansas. Wirth and Jones (1957) give the taxonomic differentiation of the varipennis complex of which two subspecies occur in Kansas.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Previously published and unpublished papers, and identified and unidentified specimens in the insect collection at Kansas State College were the basic for most of the information regarding distribution of the insects discussed. Information on the bionomics, medical importance and the recognition characters was obtained from various publications. The published data on distribution encompasses a large portion of Kansas, the northern section (Anonymous, 1951), the southern section (McNeel and Ferguson, 1954; Anonymous, 1955a; and Beadle, 1944), and the east central section (DeMoes, 1937; Olson and Keegan, 1944a; and Beadle, 1944). A map (Plate I) gives the counties and has the outline of the Arkansas-White-Red River Basin superimposed upon it.

In addition, adult collections were made in and around Riley county. Collections were made by the use of an ultraviolet light trap on the fire escape of Fairchild Hall at Kansas State College, a portable ultraviolet light trap operated northwest of Manhattan, personal collections and specimens made available by members of the Department of Entomology.

Larval collections were made at various locations in Riley and Pottawatomie counties and brought into the laboratory for determination rearing to adults. The larvae were collected by means of a white enameled

water dipper which had a three-foot wooden dowel inserted in the handle to provide extra length. When collecting the larvae, sufficient water was taken from the larval pool (approximately three-quarters of a pint) and put into a pint jar with the larvae to insure as little change as possible in the water composition.

After being brought into the laboratory the larvae were fed a small pinch of dog chow every few days and the jars were covered with bleached cheesecloth. Approximately twenty-four hours after emergence the adults were killed by placing a cyanide jar, of equal size, over the larval container and as soon as the mosquitoes were knocked down the adults were removed with forceps, placed on paper points or pinned on "minuten nadeln" pins, and then placed in the freezing compartment of a refrigerator for twenty-four hours to insure death. During the course of this study it was suggested by a fellow student to use white shellac to fix the adults to the paper points. This method proved very satisfactory inasmuch as difficulties were experienced in mosquitoes falling off points and the pin sticking from the pleura at the exact point which is needed to see for identification.

The adult tabanids collected were pinned in the regular manner. The black flies were pinned on minuten nadeln pins and sent to the United States National Museum for identification. The adult biting midges were placed in seventy percent alcohol or placed on paper points, and sent to the United States National Museum for identification. The information on some material sent for identification has not yet been received. All material collected by the writer and found in the College collection will be indicated (KSC).

A different type of key was constructed following a block form. All species are listed on the left margin and the principal distinguishing

characteristics are listed under separate headings on the right. This key in some respects is more valuable than the couplet key in that, when the specimen is tentatively identified, it is possible to review the separating characters without having to leaf through several pages and getting lost in the numbering system. It also provides an advantage in that several characters can be evaluated, rather than one, as is often the case with couplet keys.

MOSQUITOES (CULICIDAE, DIPTERA)

Family Culicidae

The adult taxonomic characters which separate the family Culicidae from the other families of Diptera are wing venation, the small rudimentary first segment of the antenna and the enlarged second antennal segment, the completely divided pronotum, the combined prescutum and scutum, and the long legs usually lacking spurs on the tibia. The larvae possess a complete head capsule, have only one pair of functional abdominal spiracles, and are without exception essentially aquatic.

This family consists of three subfamilies, the Dixinae, Chaoborinae and Culicinae.

The Culicinae is the taxon which includes the true mosquitoes and is the only subfamily which is considered to be of medical importance. The subfamily Dixinae is separated from the Culicinae in that the wings are almost devoid of hairs and scales and the proboscis is not fitted for piercing. The subfamily Chaoborinae is separated in that its mouth parts are short and the wings are clothed for the most part with long hairs and the scales are almost confined to the fringe of the wing.

Key to the subfamilies of Culicoidae (Diptera).

- 1 Wings devoid of scales. Mouth parts not fitted for piercing; antennae with a 14 segmented flagellum Dixinae
- 1' Wings with scales at least on fringes. Antennae with a 13 segmented flagellum 2
- 2 Wings clothed with hairs, scales almost confined to fringe. Mouth parts short Chaoborinae
- 2' Wings have scales on veins. Mouth parts fitted for piercing Culicinae

Subfamily Culicinae. This taxon stands out prominently among the species of blood sucking arthropods which annoy man and other warm blooded animals. They are not only pestiferous in nature but are capable of transmitting various diseases of man and animals such as malaria, yellow fever, dengue, encephalitis, filariasis, heart worm and others.

The habitat and breeding habits are varied and extensive. Adults may be found in and around houses, forests, or grasses, some may feed only at dawn, while others feed at dusk or night and some during the day or at any time they are disturbed or have the opportunity to feed. The larvae may be found in various types of water such as salt, fresh, foul or potable. The size of the impounded water may vary from a hoof print to a large reservoir; habitats also include tin cans, flower vases, tree holes, or water impounded in the leaves of trees.

The life history of all mosquitoes is essentially the same inasmuch as they pass through several stages of a complex metamorphosis consisting of egg, larva, pupa and adult. The eggs may be deposited, depending on the species, either singly or in rafts. Those deposited singly may be equipped with floats. The larva or wriggler stage is the feeding stage of the immature mosquito which undergoes four molts, the last molt results in a pupa.

The pupa or tumbler is a non-feeding stage which usually is short in duration, lasting only a few days.

The flight range of the adult is varied. Most mosquitoes remain close to their breeding grounds, usually within one hundred yards if it is far enough to obtain a blood meal. Others will migrate or be carried by the wind at least 50-75 miles according to Herme (1950).

The classification as given by Edwards (1932) divided this subfamily into three tribes, Anophelini, Culicini and Toxorhynchitini.

Key to Tribes of the Subfamily Culicinae (Culicidae, Diptera) - Adult Females.

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| 1 | Palpi relatively short. Abdomen covered with scales on both dorsal and ventral | 2 |
| 1' | Palpi as long as proboscis. Sternites void of scales for the most part | <u>Anophelini</u> |
| 2 | Trilobed scutellum. Proboscis of uniform thickness | <u>Culicini</u> |
| 2' | Rounded scutellum. Proboscis thickened in basal half and curved downward and backward apical half | <u>Toxorhynchitini</u> |

Tribe Anophelini. This tribe contains, according to Edwards (1932), three genera: Chazasia, which is found in tropical America; Bironella, found in New Guinea and adjacent islands; and Anopheles which is practically world-wide in distribution and the only genus found in Kansas.

Genus Anopheles. This genus is divided, using mostly male characteristics, by Edwards (1932) into four subgenera: Anopheles, found throughout the Old and New Worlds; Nyssorhynchus, found principally in Central and South America; Stethomyia, known from Central and South America; and Myzomyia, found throughout the tropical and subtropical regions of the Old World. The subgenus Anopheles is the only one occurring in Kansas.

Subgenus Anopheles. This genus has been of known importance to man since the late 1800's when it was incriminated as the vector of malaria. At one time malaria was considered to be one of the more important diseases of man; now it is virtually gone from the United States and is one of the diseases that through the cooperation of the various countries is being eliminated from the world.

These mosquitoes are characterized by having the palpi about as long as the proboscis, the scutellum evenly rounded, mandible and maxillas of the females well developed and toothed, legs very long and slender with no distinct tibial bristles and no pulvilli. The abdomen is without scales and the wings usually have distinct markings. The eggs are characteristic inasmuch as they are laid singly and have so-called floats along the lateral margins. The larvae are easily recognizable in not having a readily discernible air tube and in resting parallel to the surface of the water while members of the other tribes hang down at an angle from the surface. The adult female body is at a forty-five degree angle or greater when feeding.

Key to Genus Anopheles Found in Kansas - Adult Females.

- 1 Scales on wings entirely dark 2
- 1' Pale spots on wings 4
- 2 Scales uniformly dark, legs entirely dark, abdomen clothed with dark setae. Integument of scutum shiny brown and clothed with long dark setae which are at least half as long as width of scutum barberi
- 2' Scales not uniformly dark; have spots of dark scales 3
- 3 Palpi with narrow white ring at apex. Halteres knob usually pale scaled. Scales forming 4 more or less distinct spots on wings walkeri
- 3' Palpi without narrow white ring at apex. Halteres knob dark scaled. Scales forming 4 rather distinct spots on wings quadrimaculatus

- 4 Pale spot at extreme tip of costa, otherwise dark. A pair of submedian longitudinal stripes on integument crucians
- 4' Pale spot opposite tip of subcosta 5
- 5 Wing vein 3 and 5 entirely dark scaled punctipennis
- 5' Wing vein 3 and 5 dark and pale scaled * pseudopunctipennis
pseudopunctipennis

Anopheles barberi Coquillett

Anopheles barberi Coquillett, 1903, Can. Ent., 35:310.

Recognition Characters. The adult female is a small species with the integument of the scutum brown and shiny, clothed with long dark setae at least half as long as the width of the scutum. The abdomen is brown and densely clothed with dark-brown hairs. The legs are dark and the wing scales are dark and slightly broadened.

Bionomics. The larvae are found in rot cavities or "tree holes" of trees of many kinds, in stumpholes and occasionally in artificial containers near wooded areas usually associated with leaves and other plant debris. The adults appear during the latter part of May or the first part of June, and may occasionally be found resting during the day underneath bridges, in culverts and in buildings in or near wooded areas. The female is a persistent biter but seldom finishes a blood meal at one sitting.

Medical Importance. Since this mosquito is very seldom found in large numbers, its medical importance in the transmission of malaria is doubtful, but it is capable of transmitting. (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

* pseudopunctipennis franciscanus differs from pseudopunctipennis pseudopunctipennis as follows: "Terminal segment of the palpi has the apical part dark-scaled except for a subapical white patch on fork 2.1 and a small patch on stem near the cross vein 2-3; vein 4 has stem predominantly dark-scaled" (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Distribution. It occurs in eastern United States, north to New York and west to Nebraska and Texas (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Allen, Bourbon, Butler, Cherokee, Cowley, Ellis, Ellsworth, Finney, Geary, Harvey, Johnson, Kingman, Leavenworth, Pratt, Republic, Sheridan, Wilson, and Woodson counties (Anonymous, 1951); Montgomery, Labette, Riley, Sedgwick counties (Beadle, 1944); and from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin (McNeel and Ferguson, 1954).

Anopheles crucians Wiedemann

Anopheles crucians Wiedemann, 1828, Ausser. Zweifl., Ins., 1:12.

Recognition Characters. The adult female is a medium-sized species which is indistinguishable from A. bradleyi and A. georgianus. The scutum has a pair of dark gray submedian longitudinal stripes, and its integument mottled gray, brown, and black. The abdomen is clothed with numerous yellow to dark brown hairs. The legs are dark with the femora and tibiae tipped with white. The wings have white to yellowish-white scales on the veins in contrasting lines and spots.

Bionomics. The larvae are found in ponds, lakes, swamps, and semipermanent pools and generally associated with aquatic vegetation. The adults very seldom enter houses but are principally outdoor biters and attack mostly at night. The body of the female forms an angle of nearly ninety degrees when in the resting position. The adults are readily taken at a light trap.

Medical Importance. It has been found by Sabrosky (1946) to be infected in nature with malaria.

Distribution. It is found in the southeastern United States north to Massachusetts and west to Kansas and New Mexico.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Cowley, Labette, and Montgomery counties (Beadle, 1944); from Allen, Bourbon, Cherokee, Leavenworth and Linn counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Anopheles pseudopunctipennis franciscoanus McCracken

Anopheles franciscoanus McCracken, 1904, Ent. News, 15:12. Synonymy:

Anopheles boydi Vargas and Anopheles pseudopunctipennis var. willardi Vargas.

Recognition Characters. The adult female is a medium-sized, similar to A. pseudopunctipennis pseudopunctipennis, but has the terminal segments of the palpi apically dark-scaled and wing vein 2 is dark scaled with the exception of 2.1 which has a subapical white patch near cross vein 2-3, and the stem of vein 4 is predominantly dark scaled.

The integument of the scutum which is dark brown laterally has a broad median longitudinal frosted stripe which extends the full length. The stripe is clothed with narrow yellowish-white scales and pale yellow hairs. The abdomen is clothed with golden-brown hairs and the legs are dark with the tips of the femora and tibiae pale. The scales of the wings are black and pale yellow which are arranged in contrasting lines and spots.

Bionomics. The larvae are found in shallow pools along the margins of streams during dry seasons. The female prefers larger mammals such as horses, cows and sheep and rarely attacks man.

Medical Importance. It is not regarded as an important vector of malaria inasmuch as it seldom attacks man.

Distribution. Little is known of its distribution at the present time, but it is known to occur in southwestern United States east to western Texas

and Oklahoma (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported, but as rare, in Finney county (Beadle, 1944); and from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeel and Fergueon (1944).

Anopheles pseudopunctipennis pseudopunctipennis Theobald

Anopheles pseudopunctipennis Theobald, 1901, Mon. Culic., 2:305. Synonymy:

Anopheles peruvianus Tamayo and Garcia, Anopheles argentinus Brethes, and

Anopheles tuomexanus Lahille.

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium-sized with the integument of the scutum having a medium broad frosted stripe and dark brown in color laterally. The frosted area is clothed with narrow yellowish-white scales and pale yellow hairs. The abdomen is clothed with golden brown hairs and the legs are dark with the tips of the femora and tibiae being pale. The scales of the wings are black and pale yellow which are arranged in contrasting lines and spots.

Bionomics. The larvae have been found in drying sunlight pools containing mats of Spirogyra. The adult females may be found in houses in some parts of the country but usually feeds outside on horses, cattle, burrows, and man.

Medical Importance. It is not regarded as being of importance in the United States.

Distribution. The distribution has been confused with A. pseudopunctipennis franciscanus and is not well known but it is known to occur in southern United States (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Riley county by DeMoe (1937); from Cowley, Montgomery, Labette, Riley, Shawnee, and Sedgwick counties (Beadle, 1944); from Allen, Barber, Bourbon, Coffey, Ellis, Ellsworth, Franklin, Meade, Neosho, Pottawatomie, Pratt, Rooks, and Seward counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Anopheles punctipennis (Say)

Culex punctipennis Say, 1823, Jour. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila., 3:9. Synonymy: Anopheles perplexens Ludlow and Anopheles punctipennis etnei Vargae.

Recognition Characters. The adult female is a medium sized species and the integument of the scutum has a broad median-frosted stripe and dark brown laterally. The frosted stripe is clothed with short pale-yellow hairs, and with larger dark setae on the darker lateral area. The abdomen is clothed with pale and dark hairs, the legs are dark scaled with the femora and tibiae tipped with pale scales. The wing scales are black and pale yellow which are arranged in contrasting lines and spots.

Bionomics. The larvae are found in a large variety of aquatic habitats such as ponds, temporary pools, springs, pools in intermittent streams, borrow pits, roadside puddles, wheel ruts, rain barrels, and other artificial containers. The females attack man mostly at dusk but will feed during the day in dense woodlands or in their daylight resting places which are dark moist shelters.

Medical Importance. It is possible for this species to be infected with malaria in the laboratory but is not considered to be an important vector.

Distribution. It is found throughout most of the United States east of the Rocky Mountains.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Doniphan, Douglas, Pottawatomie, Riley and Saline counties by DeMoss (1937); from Cowley, Montgomery, Labette, Shawnee, Sedgwick (Beadle, 1944); from Allen, Anderson, Barton, Bourbon, Butler, Cherokee, Cloud, Coffey, Crawford, Dickson, Ellis, Ellsworth, Finney, Ford, Geary, Greenwood, Harvey, Johnson, Kingman, Leavenworth, Linn, McPherson, Marion, Morris, Neosho, Phillips, Reno, Republic, Rice, Rush, Seward, Wabaunsee, Wilson and Wyandotte counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Anopheles quadrimaculatus Say

Anopheles quadrimaculatus Say, 1824, Keating's Narr. Exp. St. Peter's River 2:356. Synonymy: Anopheles guttulatus Harris and Anopheles annulimanus Van der Wulp.

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium sized with the integument of the scutum brown to black and clothed with numerous pale-yellow to golden brown hairs which are more numerous medially and longer laterally. The abdomen is densely clothed with yellowish brown hairs, and the legs are dark scaled with the femora and tibiae tipped with white scales. The wing scales are entirely dark with some of them forming four rather distinct darker spots.

Bionomics. The larvae are found in permanent fresh water and very seldom in pools of a temporary nature. The adult female who feeds mostly after dusk is an active feeder on man and animals.

Medical Importance. It is regarded as the most important vector of malaria in the United States.

Distribution. It is found in eastern and central United States north to southern Canada.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Douglas county by DeMoe (1937); from Cowley, Montgomery, Labette, Riley, Shawnee, and Sedgwick counties (Beadle, 1944); from Allen, Anderson, Barton, Bourbon, Brown, Butler, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Cloud, Crawford, Doniphan, Ellis, Ellsworth, Finney, Franklin, Geary, Greenwood, Harvey, Johnson, Kingman, Kiowa, Leavenworth, Linn, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, Meade, Miami, Morris, Neosho, Osage, Ottawa, Phillips, Pratt, Reno, Republic, Rice, Rocks, Rush, Saline, Stafford, Sumner, Wabaunsee, Wilson, Woodson and Wyandotte counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Anopheles walkeri Theobald

Anopheles walkeri Theobald, 1901, Mon. Culic., 1:299.

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium sized with the integument of the scutum dark brown to black, clothed with short golden-brown hairs medially and longer dark setae laterally. The abdomen is densely clothed with yellow to brown hairs, and the legs are dark scaled with the femora and tibiae being tipped with pale scales. The wing scales are narrow and dark with some of the scales forming four darker spots more or less distinct.

Bionomics. According to Carpenter and LaCasse (1955) larvae occur in fresh water marshes containing floating vegetation. The adults are known to enter dwellings at night to feed on man and then retreat to their dark,

moist resting places.

Medical Importance. It is probably a potential vector of malaria inasmuch as it may successfully transmit malaria in the laboratory.

Distribution. It is found in eastern United States from the Gulf of Mexico north to southern Canada and west to North Dakota, Nebraska, and Texas.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Allen, Anderson, Bourbon, Johnson, Leavenworth, Linn, and Neosho counties (Anonymous, 1951), and from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Tribe Culicini. This tribe contains nine genera in North America, of which seven are represented in Kansas: Aedes, Culiseta, Culex, Mansonia, Orthopodomyia, Psorophora, and Uranotaenia. The two genera which are not represented in Kansas are Deinocerites and Wyeomyia.

Key to Genera of the Culicini (Culicinae, Culicidae, Diptera) in Kansas (Adapted from Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

- 1 Second marginal cell of wing short, less than half as long as its petiole Uranotaenia
- 1' Second marginal cell as long or longer than its petiole 2
- 2 Spiracular bristles present 3
- 2' Spiracular bristles absent 4
- 3 Postspiracular bristles present; tip of abdomen pointed ... Psorophora
- 3' Postspiracular bristles absent; tip of abdomen blunt Culiseta
- 4 Postspiracular bristles present 5
- 4' Postspiracular bristles absent 6
- 5 Wing scales very broad; tip of abdomen blunt Mansonia
- 5' Wing scales narrow; tip of abdomen pointed Aedes

- 6 Wing scales broad and intermixed brown and white Mansonia
 6' Wing scales narrow, uniformly dark Culex

Genus Aedes. This genus is divided into five subgenera by using the form of the male palpi and terminalia: Ochlerotatus, Finlaya, Stegomyia, Aedinorphus, and Aedes. Inasmuch as the separation into subgenera is made by using male characteristics, the species found in Kansas are not separated into subgenera.

The members of this genus are important not only from their annoyance by biting, but also because they are capable of transmitting yellow fever and several strains of mosquito-borne encephalitides. The adult female lays her eggs either in the water or near it where it will be flooded at a later date; oviposition may occur in a variety of places including artificial containers, floodwaters, tree holes, rock holes, and numerous other breeding conditions.

The females are characterized by having a progressively tapering abdomen with prominent cerci, the thorax having variable ornamentation, and the lack of postspiracular bristles.

Key to Adult Female Aedes Mosquitoes in Kansas, Adapted from Carpenter and LaCasse (1955).

- 1 White rings on hind tarsal segments 2
 1' Without white rings 12
 2 Tarsal segments ringed both apically and basally 3
 2' Tarsal segments with only basal rings 5
 3 Dark and white scales intermixed on wing dorsalis
 3' All wing scales dark or some white scales on anterior vein 4
 4 Patch of white scales at base of costa atropalpus
 4' Base of costa dark scaled canadensis canadensis

5	White ring near middle of proboscis	6
5'	Lacking white ring	7
6	First segment of hind tarsus with a yellow medium ring and the lateral markings of the abdomen white	<u>solicitans</u>
6'	First segment of hind tarsus white; lateral markings of abdomen yellowish	<u>nigromaculis</u>
7	Conspicuous lyre shaped pattern of silver white scales on scutum against dark background	<u>aegypti</u>
7'	Scutum without such markings	8
8	Hind femora pale on all aspects of basal half	<u>noosophus</u>
8'	Hind femora not pale, either dark or intermixed scales on basal half	9
9	Basal white rings on tarsal segment narrow	<u>verans</u>
9'	Basal white rings on tarsal segment broad, especially hind tarsi ..	10
10	Palpi all dark	<u>nigromaculis</u>
10'	Palpi with some pale scales	11
11	Abdominal tergites without basal bands and clothed with yellow scales	<u>flavescens</u>
11'	Abdominal tergites with pale basal bands and clothed with dark scales	<u>stimulans</u>
12	Scutum marked with silver white scales	13
12'	Scutum not so marked	15
13	Broad medium stripe of dark brown scales and the sides clothed with silver white scales	<u>triseriatus</u>
13'	Broad medium stripe of silver scales on the scutum	14
14	Wing length about 2.5 mm; small species	<u>dupreei</u>
14'	Wing length about 3.5 mm; medium sized species	<u>atlanticus</u>
15	Scutum marked with a pair of submedian white or yellowish white stripes separated by a brown stripe of the same width	<u>trivittatus</u>
15'	Scutum not so marked	16

- 16 Wing scales bicolorous spencerii
 16' Wing scales dark or white only at base of vein 17
 17 Scutum without contrasting lines or stripes cinerous
 17' Scutum with contrasting lines or stripes etioticus

Aedes (Stegomyia) aegypti (Linnaeus)

Culex aegypti Linnaeus, 1762, *Hass. Pol. Reise*, p. 470. Synonymy: Stegomyia fasciatus F., Culex calopus Meig., Culex argenteus Poir., and others according to Dyar (1922) and Edwards (1932).

Recognition Characters. Adults are small to medium sized, dark, with conspicuous rings of white scales on the tarsi and patches of white on the sides of the thorax and abdomen. The most notable characteristic is a lyre-shaped pattern on the mesonotum, formed by lines of white scales.

Bionomics. This species is the most thoroughly domesticated species known. It breeds almost exclusively in artificial containers but is sometimes found in rot cavities of shade trees near residences (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955). The eggs are deposited generally in artificial containers around dwellings, either just above the water level or on the surface of the water. After a maturation period, usually one to three days, the eggs hatch when they come in contact with the water, and the larvae feed upon suspended or detachable organic matter.

The adult females are wary in feeding, often attacking around the ankles. They usually feed early in the morning or late in the afternoon, but will feed during mid-day in the shade or in lighted rooms at night. Common resting places are in closets, cupboards, cabinets, behind picture frames and doors. The adults seldom fly more than a few hundred feet from the

water container from which they emerged.

Medical Importance. This species is an important vector of yellow fever, dengue and possibly some encephalitis.

Distribution. This species is found throughout most of the tropical and subtropical regions of the world. It occurs in the United States in the southeastern states and sometimes in their bordering states.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported as occurring in Cowley, Montgomery, Labette, and Sedgwick counties (Beadle 1944); from Cherokee county (Anonymous, 1951); and by McNeel and Ferguson (1954) in the Arkansas-White-Red river basin.

Aedes (Ochlerotatus) atlanticus Dyar and Knab

Aedes atlanticus Dyar and Knab, 1906, Jour. N. Y. Ent. Soc., 14:198.

Recognition Characters. Adults are moderately sized, black, with a broad silvery gray stripe through center of thorax. The abdomen is black, with lateral white scales which partly show on dorsum of the apical segments.

Bionomics. The larvae are found in temporary pools in open fields and in woodlands. The female is a vicious biter and is usually associated with Aedes infirmatus and other woodland species (King, et al., 1944).

Medical Importance. This species is not known to be of medical importance.

Distribution. This species is common in the Gulf States, but occurs in all southeastern states, north to New York and west to Kansas and Texas.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported as occurring in Labette and Bourbon counties (Anonymous, 1951). It was also reported by McNeel and

Ferguson (1954) in the Arkansas-Red-White river basin.

Aedes (Finlaya) atropalpus (Coquillett)

Culis atropalpus Coquillett, 1902, Can. Ent., 34:392. Synonymy: Aedse spactius Dyar and Knab and Aedes pericharee Dyar (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Recognition Characters. Two races have been recognized by Dyar (1922), atropalpus atropalpus found in the Atlantic States, and atropalpus spactius from Arizona and Mexico. The latter has the mesonotal light markings white instead of golden yellow.

The adults are small to medium sized, with a broad median stripe of fine dark brown scales and yellowish-white scales laterally, on the mesonotum. The abdomen is dark scaled, with basal white bands. The tarsi have white rings basally and apically. The wings are all dark scaled except for white patch at base of costa and are about 3.0 to 3.5 mm long.

Bionomics. The larvae may be found throughout the year, in overflow pools, rockholes along mountain streams and rain-filled rockholes removed from streams. The females are persistent biters but are troublesome only locally due to their small numbers and their habit of staying near their breeding grounds.

Medical Importance. It has been shown to be capable of transmitting Eastern equine encephalitis in the laboratory (Horsefall, 1955).

Distribution. It is found, according to Carpenter and LaCasse (1955), from eastern United States west to New Mexico and from southern Canada to Mexico.

Kansas Distribution. It has been found in Cowley county (Beadle, 1944); Allen, Cherokee and Montgomery counties (Anonymous, 1951); and in the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Aedes (Ochlerotatus) canadensis canadensis (Theobald)

Culex canadensis Theobald, 1901, Mon. Culic., 2:3. Synonymy: Culex nivitarsis Coquillett, 1904 (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium sized with narrow golden brown scales on the mesonotum. The abdomen is dark scaled with narrow basal white bands and prominent basolateral patches of white scales. The tarsi are ringed basally and apically with white scales. The wings have narrow dark scales and are about 3.2 to 4.0 mm in length.

Bionomics. The larvae are found in pools of cool clear water which contains fallen leaves, also in pools and ditches near wooded areas. The females are persistent biters which attack man readily in shaded situations throughout most of the day.

Medical Importance. It has been shown experimentally, in cages, by Yen to be a suitable host for Dirofilaria immitis (Horsefall, 1955).

Distribution. Carpenter and LaCasse (1955) listed it as widely distributed in the forested areas of the United States.

Kansas Distribution. This species has been reported from Labette county (Beadle, 1944); from Bourbon and Leavenworth counties (Anonymous, 1951), and as scarce and locally distributed from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Aedes (Aedes) cinereus Meigen

Aedes cinereus Meigen, 1818, Syst. Beechr. Zweifl. Ins., 1:13. Synonymy:

Aedes fuscus Osten Sacken, Aedes cinereus fuscus Dyar, Aedes cinereus hemitsleus Dyar and others according to Carpenter and LaCasse (1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium sized to rather small with the mesonotum evenly clothed with fine narrow reddish brown scales. The abdomen is brown and may have partial or complete narrow basal bands. The femora and tibiae are dark with the posterior surfaces being pale, and the tarsi dark. The wings have narrow brown scales and are about 3.2 to 3.8 mm in length.

Bionomics. The larvae may be found in woodland pools, unshaded temporary rain-filled pools, and in marshes. The adult female will feed at any time when encountered in the wooded area according to Owen (1937).

Medical Importance. Horsefall (1955) reports that Olin found this species could be a reservoir for the bacteria that causes tularemia in Sweden.

Distribution. It is found throughout the United States.

Kansas Distribution. This species has been reported from Montgomery county (Beadle, 1944); from Republic county (Anonymous, 1951), from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954) and Riley county (KSC).

Aedes (Ochlerotatus) dorsalis (Meigen)

Culex dorsalis Meigen, 1830, Syst. Beechr. Zweifl. Ins., 6:242. Synonymy: Aedes grahami Ludlow, Aedes quaylei Dyar and Knab and others according to Carpenter and LaCasse (1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium sized with a median longitudinal stripe of brown scales on the mesonotum. The abdomen

has transverse segmental bands and a median dorsal stripe of white scales. The femora, tibiae and first tarsal segment are yellowish white scaled, speckled with dark scales. Segments 1 to 3 of the hind tarsi are ringed basally and apically with white, segment 4 has a basal ring and a few scales apically, and segment 5 is entirely white. The wings have narrow dark brown scales with white scales intermixed, the white usually being predominant.

Bionomics. The larvae may occur in both brackish and fresh water and in a variety of habitats, preferring alkaline water in grassy situations exposed to sunlight according to Carpenter and LaCasse (1955). The adult females are vicious biters which attack at any time day or night, but are more active toward evening or on calm cloudy days.

Medical Importance. Western equine encephalitis has been isolated from wild caught species in California and Colorado in addition to the California encephalitis virus which was isolated from wild caught specimens (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Distribution. It is found throughout the United States in unforested areas according to Horeefall (1955).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Ft. Riley and Saline county by Olson and Keegan (1944a); from Cowley, Montgomery, Labette, Riley, Shawnee and Sedgwick counties (Beadle, 1944); from Barton, Clark, Ellsworth, Finney, Geary, Kingman, Leavenworth, Republic, Rice, Russell, Seward and Stafford counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas-White-Red River Basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Aedes (Ochlerotatus) dupreei (Coquillett)

Aedes (Ochlerotatus) dupreei (Coquillett). Culex dupreei Coquillett, 1904, Can. Ent., 36:10.

Recognition Characters. The adult female is small and has a broad (slightly more than one-third as wide as the scutum) longitudinal stripe of silver-white scales on the mesonotum. The tergites of the abdomen are dark with white basolateral patches. The legs are dark except the coxae of the forelegs which are white and the posterior surface of the femora, tibiae and first segment of the tarsi are pale scaled. The wings have narrow brown scales and are about 2.5 mm in length.

Bionomics. The larvae are found in temporary rain-filled pools in woodlands where they hide among the leaves and debris and are difficult to collect.

Medical Importance. It is not known to be of any medical importance. The females do not appear to be attracted to man according to Howard, Dyar, and Knab as reported by Carpenter and LaCasse (1955).

Distribution. It is found in Southeastern United States north to New Jersey and west to Kansas and Texas according to Carpenter and LaCasse (1955).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported as being rare from Montgomery and Labette counties (Beadle, 1944); and locally distributed and unimportant from the Arkansas-White-Red River Basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Aedes (Ochlerotatus) flavescens (Muller)

Culex flavescens Muller, 1764, Fauna Ins. Fried., p. 87. Synonymy: Culex lutescens Fabricius, Culex variegatus Shrank, Culex bipunctatus Robineau-

Desvoidy, Culex arcamus Blanchard, and Culex fletcheri Coquillett, according to Carpenter and LaCasse (1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is large and yellowish; the mesonotum is clothed with yellow to brown scales and has a median broad strip of bronzy brown scales. The abdomen is covered with dull yellow scales. The wing scales are predominantly yellow with brown intermixed and are about 5.5 to 6.0 mm in length.

Bionomics. Larvae appear early in the spring in deep temporary pools in meadows and marshes on open plains. Adults are not found in great numbers but are vicious biters, biting during the day and early evening, but usually attacking large animals more often than man (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Medical Importance. It is not known to be of medical importance.

Distribution. It is found in the interior plains of the northern United States (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported by Olson and Keegan (1944a) from Saline county, and as scarce, locally distributed, and unimportant in the Arkansas-White-Red River Basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Asdes (Ochlerotatus) nigromaculis (Ludlow)

Grahamia nigromaculis Ludlow, 1907, Geo. Wash. Univ. Bull., 5:85.

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium sized and has a broad median stripe of golden-brown scales on the scutum. The posterior pronotum has narrow bronze-brown scales and the scutellum has yellow scales with darker setae on the lobes. The yellowish scales on the abdomen form a median longitudinal stripe.

Bionomics. The larvae may occur in rain-filled depressions and irrigation ditches, occurring mostly in alkaline waters. The adult females bites readily but is more active in the evening (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955). It is regarded by Tate and Gatee (1944) as a major pest in Nebraska where it reaches its greatest abundance during the spring and early summer. The adults are strong fliers and are commonly found several miles from their breeding grounds.

Medical Importance. It is not known to be of medical importance.

Distribution. It is found in central and western United States according to Carpenter and LaCasse (1955).

Kansas Distribution. It is reported from Clark, Dickinson, Douglas, Franklin, Lyons, Riley and Saline counties by DeMoss (1937); from Cowley, Labetts, Montgomery, Sedgwick and Shawnee counties by Beadle (1944); from Allen, Anderson, Barton, Bourbon, Cloud, Decatur, Ellsworth, Finney, Geary, Kingman, Leavenworth, McPherson, Neosho, Pratt, Republic, Rice, Saline, Seward and Stafford counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Aedes (Ochlerotatus) sollicitans (Walker)

Culex sollicitans Walker, 1856, Ins. Samml., Dipt., p. 427.

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium sized and has a dark scaled proboscis with a white ring near the middle. The scutum has golden to golden brown scales dorsally becoming bronze-brown laterally. The first tergite of the abdomen has a median patch of yellowish-white scales; each remaining tergite is white laterally and pale yellow medially.

Bionomics. The larvae may be found in brackish water swamps,

particularly in the oil fields. The females are persistent biters and strong fliers and may migrate many miles from their breeding grounds. They will attack during the day or night and especially if their resting place, which is usually vegetation, is disturbed during the day (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Medical Importance. It has been shown that this species can become infected and transmit eastern equine encephalitis in the laboratory and that it can become infected in the laboratory with western equine encephalitis (Horsefall, 1955).

Distribution. It occurs in the Gulf and Atlantic coasts of the United States and in some inland states where brackish water occurs (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported in Allen, Finney, Rawlins, Rice and Stafford counties (Anonymous, 1951) and from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNesl and Ferguson (1954).

Aedes (Ochlerotatus) spencerii (Theobald)

Culex spencerii Theobald, 1901, Mon. Culic., 2:99.

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium sized. The integument of the scutum is black and the scutum is clothed with narrow yellowish-white scales and has a broad medium longitudinal stripe of brown scales which extends from near the anterior margin posteriorly to the prescutellar space. The first tergite of the abdomen is white scaled; each remaining tergite has an apical white band and a medium white stripe or may be entirely white scaled.

Bionomics. The larvae are found in temporary pools. The adult females

are diurnal, very abundant during early summer and very annoying in the prairie regions (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Medical Importance. It is not known to be of medical importance.

Distribution. It occurs in the prairie regions of northern United States and southern Canada.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Republic county (Anonymous, 1951) and from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Aedes (Ochlerotatus) sticticus (Meigen)

Culex sticticus Meigen, 1838, Syst. Besch. Zweifl. Ins., 7:1. Synonymy: Culex hisuteron Theobald, Culex aestivalis Dyar, Culex pretans Grossbeck, Aedes aldrichi Dyar and Knab, Aedes gonimus Dyar and Knab, Aedes vinnipegensis Dyar and Aedes lateralis (Meigen) according to Carpenter and LaCasse (1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium sized. The scutum has yellowish-white scales with two medium stripes of golden brown scales which extend to the pale scaled precutellar space. The first tergite of the abdomen has a median patch of white scales; each remaining tergite is dark scaled and has a narrow basal white band which broadens laterally into a basal triangular white patch.

Bionomics. The larvae are found in flood water pools and in rain pools which contain dead leaves or other vegetable matter. The adults are persistent biters and attack during the daytime and early evening near their breeding grounds in woodlands and thickets according to Carpenter and LaCasse (1955). According to Matheon (1944) the females may migrate

several miles.

Medical Importance. According to Hammon and Reeves (1943) it is possible to infect a laboratory strain which was able to transmit eastern encephalitis in the laboratory.

Distribution. It is widespread over the United States.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported by Olson and Keegan (1944a) from Ft. Leavenworth, Ft. Riley, Cloud and Shawnee counties; from Labette, Montgomery, and Sedgewick counties by Beadle (1944); from Allen, Bourbon, Geary, Johnson, Leavenworth and Logan counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeal and Ferguson (1954).

Aedes (Ochlerotatus) stimulans (Walker)

Culex etimulans Walker, 1848, List Dipt. Brit. Mus., 1:4. Synonymy: Culicida subcantans Felt, Aedes mercurator Dyar, Aedes stimulans classicus Dyar, Aedes etimulans mississippii Dyar and Aedes etimulans albertae Dyar according to Carpenter and LaCasse (1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium sized with a dark proboscis sprinkled with white scales. The scutum has yellowish white to light brown scales and a broad median longitudinal stripe of brown scales or a varying pattern of brown and paler scales. The first abdominal tergite has a median patch of white scales; each remaining tergite has a broad basal band of white to pale yellow scales, the apical half being dark may be speckled with white scales.

Bionomics. The larvae are found in temporary, usually woodland, pools from overflowing streams, melting snow and early spring rains. The adult females are found usually in spring and early summer and are persistent

biters, feeding readily in the woods at all hours (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Medical Importance. It has been reported that the females are able to transmit fowl pox in the laboratory (Horsefall, 1955).

Distribution. It is usually found in northern United States but may range as far south as Mississippi (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Leavenworth county (Anonymous, 1951) and from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeal and Ferguson (1954).

Aedes (Finlaya) triseriatus (Say)

Culex triseriatus Say, 1823, Jour. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila., 3:12. Synonymy: Finlaya nigra Ludlow and Aedes triseriatus var. hendersoni Coquerell according to Carpenter and LaCasse (1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium sized and has a wide median stripe of dark brown scales on the scutum which is broader distally and covers most of the posterior half of the scutum. The sides of the scutum are clothed in white scales. The tergites of the abdomen are blue black scaled with basal patches of white scales laterally.

Bionomics. The larvae are found in tree holes of many deciduous trees and some artificial wooden containers. The female is a persistent biter and very painful biter. The female is most active during the early morning and evening hours, for which reasons they are not often caught in light traps (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Medical Importance. It is possible to accomplish laboratory infection and transmission of eastern encephalitis with this species (Horsefall, 1955).

Distribution. It is found in eastern United States south to Florida Keys and west to Utah and Idaho (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Douglas and Riley counties by DeMoss (1937); from Cowley, Labette, Montgomery, Sedgwick and Shawnee counties by Beadls (1944); from Allen, Anderson, Bourbon, Cherokee, Crawford, Ellis, Geary, Harvey, Johnson, Leavenworth, Neceho, Pottawatomie, Rawlins, Republic, Rice, Salins, Wilson, and Woodson counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeal and Ferguson (1954).

Aedes (Ochlerotatus) trivittatus (Coquillett)

Culex trivittatus Coquillett, 1902, Jour. N. Y. Ent. Soc., 10:193. Synonymy: Culex inconspicuus Grosebeck (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium sized, with the scutum having a pair of submedian stripes of whits to yellowish-whits scales separated by a median brown stripe of equal width and the scales on the sides of the scutum bronze-brown in color. The first abdominal tergite is dark scaled; the remaining tergites are dark scaled but have basolateral patches of whits scales.

Bionomics. The larvae are found during the summer in rainpools in meadows, swamps and woodlands. The adult female is a persistent biter and attacks during the day or at dusk (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Medical Importance. A virus related to California encephalitis has been isolated from adult females according to Hammon et al. (1952).

Distribution. This species is found in eastern United States west to Idaho and New Mexico (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Ft. Leavenworth, Ft. Riley, Leavenworth, Saline and Shawnee counties by Olson and Keegan (1944a); from Cowley, Labette, Montgomery, Riley, and Sedgwick counties by Beadle (1944); from Allen, Anderson, Barton, Bourbon, Cloud, Douglas, Ellsworth, Finney, Geary, Johnson, McPherson, Morris, Neosho, Pottawatomie, Rawlins, Republic and Rice counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeel and Fergueon (1954).

Aedes (Aedimorphus) vexans (Meigen)

Culex vexans Meigen, 1830, Syst. Besch. Zweifl. Ins., 6:241. Synonymy: Culiseta minuta Theobald, Aedes euochrus Howard, Dyar, and Knab, and others according to Carpenter and LaGasse (1955).

Recognition Characters. The female is medium sized with a dark scaled proboscis sprinkled with light brown scales. The scutum is clothed with golden brown scales which are paler on the anterior and posterolateral margins. The first abdominal tergite is dark with pale scales intermixed on the median area; tergites II to IV are dark scaled and have a conspicuous indented basal white band and basolateral white patches which are not connected; the remaining tergites have white scales on their apical margin.

Bionomics. The larvae are found in rain filled pools, irrigation seepage and pools formed by floodwaters. The adults are vicious biters. It feeds in shady areas during the day and is particularly annoying at dusk and after dark (Carpenter and LaGasse, 1955). It has been reported by Rees (1943) that the flight range may be from five to eight miles.

Medical Importance. It has been shown that it is capable of laboratory transmission of eastern encephalitis (Hammon and Resves, 1943). It is one

of the major pest species in Kansas.

Distribution. It may be found in most parts of the United States.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Atchison, Douglas, Doniphan, Gray, Phillips, Pratt, Riley, Sheridan, Stafford, and Wyandotte counties by DeMoe (1937); from Cowley, Labette, Montgomery, Sedgwick, and Shawnee counties by Beadles (1944); from Allen, Anderson, Barton, Bourbon, Butler, Cherokee, Clark, Cloud, Crawford, Ellis, Ellsworth, Finney, Franklin, Geary, Harvey, Johnson, Kingman, Leavenworth, Linn, McPherson, Marion, Neosho, Pottawatomie, Rawlins, Reno, Republic, Rice, Saline, and Seward counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Aedes (Finlaya) zoosophus Dyar and Knab

Aedes zoosophus Dyar and Knab, 1918, Ins. Ins. Mens., 5:165. Synonymy:

Aedes alleni Turner, according to Carpenter and LaCass (1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium sized. The scutum is silver scaled with a median golden-brown stripe on the anterior half; the posterior half is dark brown with silvery scales bordering the prescutellar space and forming a narrow line on either side. The first abdominal tergite has a median patch of dark scales; the remaining tergites are bronze-brown scaled with narrow basal cream white bands and silver white lateral patches.

Bionomics. The larvae are usually found in rot cavities of trees and occasionally in artificial containers. The adult female readily attacks man during the early morning and evening hours.

Medical Importance. It is not known to be of medical importance.

Distribution. It has only been reported from Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Cowley, Montgomery, and Sedgwick counties by Beadle (1944); from Geary county (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNesl and Ferguson (1954).

Genus Culex. This genus is one of the most important genera in Kansas. Its members produce large populations which are troublesome to man as biters with some species capable of transmitting various strains of mosquito-borne encephalitides.

The genus is separated from other members of the tribe in that the wing scales are narrow and uniformly dark and in the lack of spiracular and post-spiracular bristles.

The unique eggs are fixed together in raft-like masses which are characteristic for most species. The larvae are found in permanent or semi-permanent ground pools but may utilize various artificial containers (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

The members of the genus which occur in the United States are separated into three subgenera, Culex, Melanoconion and Msoculex (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955). The division into subgenera is based on male characteristics principally and will not be used for general classification.

Key to Adult Females Culex Mosquitoes in Kansas, Adapted from Carpenter and LaCasse (1955).

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| 1 | Wing scales broadened on vein 2 | 2 |
| 1' | Wing scales not broadened on vein 2 | 3 |
| 2 | Abdominal tergites with narrow basal bands | <u>erraticus</u> |
| 2' | Abdominal tergites have small basolateral white patches, otherwise dark scaled | <u>peccator</u> |
| 3 | Tarsi have distinct white rings | <u>tarsalis</u> |
| 3' | Tarsi without rings (if present they are brown) | 4 |

- 4 Abdominal segments with apical triangle of pale scales on sides joined by dorsapical narrow band of pale scales territans
- 4' Abdominal segment with basal band of pale scales 5
- 5 Abdominal segment with narrow band of yellowish scales. Segment VII entirely clothed with pale scales salinarius
- 5' Abdominal segments with broad band of whitish scales 6
- 6 Abdominal bands narrowly joining or disconnected from lateral patches and rounded on posterior margin 7
- 6' Abdominal bands broadly joining lateral patches. Scutum has a pair of submedian pale spots reutans
- 7 Abdominal bands almost disconnected from basolateral patches.....
..... quinquefasciatus
- 7' Abdominal bands more broadly joined to sides pipiens

Culex (Melanoconion) erraticus (Dyar and Knab)

Meichocyrtax erraticus Dyar, 1905, Jour. N. Y. Ent. Soc., 14:224 (larva described). Synonymy: Culex peccator Dyar and Barrett, Culex degustator Dyar and Knab, Culex erraticus King and Bradley, and others according to Carpenter and LaCasse (1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is small with a long, dark proboscis. The tergites are dark-brown scaled and usually have narrow white basal bands and white basolateral patches. The abdominal sternites are white-banded basally and dark apically. The legs are dark scaled except for a pale posterior area on the femora and small pale knee spots.

Bionomics. The larvae are found in grassy pools, ditches, marshy areas and lakes. The adults prefer the blood of a fowl and are not troublesome biters (Anonymous, 1955).

Medical Importance. It is not known to be of medical importance.

Distribution. It is found in southern United States north to Michigan and west to North Dakota and Texas (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Ft. Leavenworth, Saline and Shawnee counties by Olson and Keegan (1944a); Cowley, Montgomery, Labette and Sedgwick counties by Beadle (1944); Allen, Anderson, Barton, Bourbon, Butler, Cherokee, Crawford, Douglas, Ellsworth, Geary, Greenwood, Johnson, Leavenworth, Linn, McPherson, Marion, Morris, Neosho, Reno, Rice, Wabaunsee and Wilson counties (Anonymous, 1951); and the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Culex (Culex) quinquefasciatus Say

Culex quinquefasciatus Say, 1823, Jour. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila., 3:10.

Synonymy: Culex fatigans Wisdemann (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium sized with a dark scaled proboscis. The scutum is clothed with brown hairs. The first abdominal tergite has a median patch of dark bronze scales; the remaining tergites are dark scaled and have conspicuous white basal bands which are rounded on the posterior margin and very narrow at the side or disconnected at the sides where they join the white lateral patches. The legs are dark scaled except for the posterior surface of the femora, which is pale, and pale knee spots.

Bionomics. The larvae are found in a variety of impounded waters such as rain barrels, tube, storm sewers and other similar waters. The adult is a troublesome biter at night in houses.

Medical Importance. It has been shown to be capable of transmitting St. Louis encephalitis in the laboratory (Anonymous, 1955).

Distribution. It occurs in the southern United States north to Ohio.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Douglas county by DeMose (1937); from Cowley, Labette, Montgomery, Riley, Sedgwick and Shawnee counties by Beadle (1944); from Bourbon, Butler, Cherokee, Cowley, Crawford, Finney, Ford, Geary, Greenwood, Harvey, Kingman, Leavenworth, Pratt, Reno, Republic, Seward, Wabaunsee, Wilson and Woodson counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Culex (Culex) restuans Theobald

Culex restuans Theobald, 1901, Mon. Culic., 2:142. Synonymy: Culex brahmei Knab (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium sized with some pale scales on the venter of the dark scaled proboscis. The scutum is clothed with golden brown scales which are paler on the anterior and lateral margins and a pair of small submedian pale spots. The first abdominal tergite has a median patch of dark scales; each remaining tergite has a basal band of yellowish-white scales which is broadly joined to the lateral patches. The legs are dark scaled with the exception of the posterior surface of the femora and tibiae and the knee spots, which are pale.

Bionomics. The larvae may be found in rain barrels, pools, ditches, and other similar water. The adults may be found in houses and are troublesome biters.

Medical Importance. It has been found infected with western equine encephalomyelitis virus, but it is not known if it is able to transmit it (Anonymous, 1955).

Distribution. It is found throughout the United States.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Cowley, Labette,

Montgomery, Riley, Sedgwick and Shawnee counties by Beadle (1944); from Allen, Barton, Bourbon, Butler, Cherokee, Cloud, Crawford, Douglas, Ellis, Ellsworth, Finney, Ford, Kingman, Leavenworth, Marion, Pratt, Reno, Republic, Rice, Rush, Saline, Wabaunsee, Wilson and Woodson counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeel and Fergueson (1954).

Culex (Culex) salinarius Coquillett

Culex salinarius Coquillett, 1904, Ent. News, 15:73.

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium sized and has a dark proboscis which is paler on the ventral side. The scutum is clothed with golden brown scales which are paler on the anterior and lateral margins. The first abdominal tergite has a median patch of dark brown scales; each remaining tergite has a basal band of dingy yellow scales which is broadly joined with basolateral dingy yellow scales. The legs are dark except the posterior surface of the femora and tibiae which are pale.

Bionomics. The larvae may be found in fresh or foul grassy pools, ditches, cattle tracks, barrels, bilge water, and various other impounded water. The adult female bites readily outdoors and occasionally enters a house (Anonymous, 1955).

Medical Importance. It is not known to be of medical importance.

Distribution. It is found in eastern United States and is known to extend as far west as Utah (Carpenter and LeGasee, 1955).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Ft. Leavenworth, Ft. Riley, Cloud, Saline and Shawnee counties by Olsen and Keegan (1944a); from Cowley, Labette, Montgomery, Riley and Sedgwick counties by Beadle

(1944); from Allen, Anderson, Barton, Bourbon, Butler, Cherokee, Crawford, Douglas, Finney, Geary, Greenwood, Neosho, Reno, Republic, Rice, Rush, Seward, Wilson and Woodson counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Culex (Culex) tarsalis Coquillett

Culex tarsalis Coquillett, 1896, Can. Ent., 28:43. Synonymy: Culex willie-toni, Culex affinis Adams, Culex kelloggi Theobald, and Culex pens Speiser (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium-sized with a dark scaled proboscis which has a broad median white band. The scutum is clothed with golden brown scales and a narrow margin of white scales both anteriorly and laterally; in addition there is a pair of submedian white lines which extend forward to near the middle of the scutum and end in a small white submedian spot. The first abdominal tergite has a patch of dark brown scales, with a few pale scales intermixed; the second tergite has a median basal triangular patch of pale scales; each remaining tergite is dark scaled and has a prominent basal band of whitish scales. The terminal segments may have apical as well as basal bands of pale scales; and the eighth tergite may be completely pale scaled. The legs are dark except the posterior surface of the femora and tibiae and the narrow stripe of pale scales on the anterior surface of the femora and tibiae.

Bionomics. The larvae may be found in fresh or foul water, ditches, ground pools and rain barrels. The adult female bites readily outside and occasionally invades the house (Anonymous, 1955).

Medical Importance. It has been reported by various authors as being

the natural vector of St. Louis encephalitis, is able to transmit western equine virus in the laboratory, Dirofilaria immitis larvae reached maturity in the mosquito, host to Wuchereria bancrofti and serves as laboratory vector of Japanese B. encephalitis (Lungstrom, 1950).

Distribution. It is found in the western, central and southern United States.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Douglas, Clay, Riley and Chautauqua counties by DeMose (1937); from Cowley, Labette, Montgomery, Sedgwick and Shawnee counties by Beadle (1944); from Allen, Anderson, Barber, Barton, Bourbon, Butler, Cherokee, Clark, Cloud, Crawford, Dickinson, Ellis, Ellsworth, Finney, Ford, Geary, Harvey, Johnson, Kingman, Leavenworth, Linn, McPherson, Marion, Neosho, Norton, Pratt, Reno, Republic, Rice, Rush, Saline, Seward, Stafford, Stanton, Wilson and Woodson counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Culex (Culex) pipiens Linnaeus

Culex pipiens Linnaeus, 1758, Syst. Nat. Ed., 10:602.

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium-sized and has a dark-soled proboscis. The scutum is clothed with brown hairs. The first abdominal tergite has a median patch of dark bronze scales; each remaining tergite is dark soled and has a conspicuous white basal band which is rounded on its posterior margin and narrow at the side where it joins the white lateral patches. The legs are dark soled except the posterior surface of the femora and the knee spots which are pale.

Bionomics. The larvae may be found practically in any collection of polluted water such as rain barrels, tubs, cesspools, ditches and others.

The adults usually invade houses and bite at night (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Medical Importance. It has been incriminated in the transmission of western equine and St. Louis encephalitic viruses (Anonymous, 1955).

Distribution. It is distributed throughout the United States except in the extreme south.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Clay and Riley counties by DeMoes (1937); from Allen, Anderson, Bourbon, Butler, Cherokee, Clay, Cloud, Cowley, Crawford, Douglas, Ellsworth, Finney, Geary, Labette, Leavenworth, Marion, Montgomery, Morris, Pratt, Reno, Republic, Saline, Sedgwick, Shawnee, and Wabaunsee counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Culex (Melanoconion) peocator Dyar and Knab

Culex peocator Dyar and Knab, 1909, *Smithson. Misc. Coll.*, 52:256. Synonymy:

Culex incriminator Dyar and Knab and Culex peocator King and Bradley, 1937 (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is small with a long dark proboscis. The scutum is clothed with brown scales. The abdominal tergites are clothed with dark scales and have small basolateral white patches. The legs are dark scaled except for the pale posterior surface of the femora and small pale knee spots.

Bionomics. The larvae are found in pools of streams and in marshy areas. Adults prefer blood of fowls and are not troublesome biters (Anonymous, 1955).

Medical Importance. It is not known to be of medical importance.

Distribution. It is found in southeastern United States north to Michigan and west to Kansas and Texas (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Kansas Distribution. It is reported from Ft. Leavenworth by Olen and Keegan (1944); Cherokee, Leavenworth, Reno and Labette counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Culex (Neoculex) territane Walker

Culex territans Walker, 1856, Ins. Saund., Dipt., 1:428. Synonymy: Culex saxatilis Grossbeck, Culex friokii and others according to Carpenter and LaCasse (1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is small and has a long dark scaled proboscis. The scutum is clothed with light brown scales with the scales on the anterior margin being paler. The first abdominal tergite has a median patch of dark scales; each remaining tergite is dark scaled and has an apical band of white scales which joins a triangular patch of pale scales on each side. The legs are dark scaled except for the pale posterior surface of the femora and tibiae and the small pale knee spots.

Bionomics. The larvae may be found in permanent or semipermanent pools, streams, swamps and ponds. The adults, which very seldom enter homes, have been observed biting cold blooded vertebrates (particularly frogs) but will occasionally bite man (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Distribution. It occurs throughout most of the United States.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Riley and Shawnee counties by DeMees (1937); from Cowley, Labette, Montgomery and Sedgwick counties by Beadle (1944); from Allen, Anderson, Bourbon, Cherokee, Cloud,

Crawford, Douglas, Finney, Geary, Greenwood, Johnson, Kingman, Leavenworth, Marion, Neosho, Republic, Rice, Saline, Wilson and Woodson counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas-White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Genus Culiseta. This genus is represented in Kansas by only one known species. It is one of the first species found in late winter and early spring. It is important medically in that it has been found in nature harboring western equine encephalitis virus.

It is separated from the other genera in that it has spiracular bristles, blunt abdomen and cross veins in the wing which are nearly in line.

Culiseta (Culiseta) inornata (Williston)

Culex inornatus Williston, 1893, U. S. Dept. Agr. Div. Ornith. and Mam., N. Amer. Fauna, 7:253. Synonymy: Culex magnipennis Felt (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is large with the proboscis dark and speckled with pale scales. The scutum is clothed with golden brown and pale yellow intermixed scales on the dorsal surface; the anterior and lateral margins are pale yellow scaled. The first abdominal tergite has a median patch of yellowish white scales; tergites II to VII are dark brown and have yellowish basal bands which widen laterally to cover the full length of the tergites; the eighth tergite is entirely pale scaled. The legs are dark brown and may be speckled with pale scales.

Bionomics. The larvae may be found in ditches and various other pools including some artificial containers which are usually foul. The adults seldom attack man (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Medicall Importance. It has been reported that it may be a reservoir for western encephalitic and that it can transmit eastern encephalitic in the laboratory (Horsefall, 1955).

Distribution. It is found throughout the United States.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Clark, Douglas and Riley counties by DeMoss (1937); from Cowley, Labette, Montgomery, Sedgwick, and Shawnee counties by Beadle (1944); from Allen, Anderson, Barton, Bourbon, Cherokee, Cloud, Crawford, Douglas, Ellsworth, Finney, Ford, Geary, Johnson, Kingman, Leavenworth, McPherson, Marion, Neosho, Reno, Republic, Rice, Saline, Seward and Woodson counties (Anonymous, 1951); from the Arkansas White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954); and from Pottawatomie county (KSC).

Genus Mansonia. This is a small genus of which one species occurs in Kansas. The adults may be separated from the other genera in that it has a blunt abdomen, broad scales which are mixed brown and white, and the mesonotum is without lines of white scales.

The adult females lay their eggs in rafts upon the surface of water containing dense vegetation. When the larvae hatch, they attach themselves to the stems and roots of certain types of plants from which both the larvae and pupae receive their air supply (Carpenter, 1941).

Mansonia (Coquillettia) perturbans (Walker)

Culex perturbans Walker, 1856, Ins. Saund., Dipt., p. 428. Synonymy:

Culex testaceus Van der Wulp and Culex ochropus Dyar and Knab (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is large and has a dark pro-

boscia which is sprinkled with white scales basally and has a broad median ring of pale scales. The scutum has intermixed dark brown and pale golden scales. The first tergite is dark scaled; the remaining tergites are dark with pale yellow basolateral patches and occasionally have narrow basal esgmental bands of pale scales.

Bionomics. The larvae are difficult to capture because they attach themselves to the underwater stems of aquatic vegetation where they remain throughout their development. The adult females bite principally at night, can migrate many miles, and are very troublesome to man (Carpenter, 1941).

Medical Importance. A filterable virus, immunologically and antigenically identical to that of eastern equine encephalitis, has been recovered from wild caught specimens in Georgia (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Distribution. It occurs throughout most of the United States.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported to occur in Riley county by DeMose (1937); from Ft. Riley and Shawnee county (Olson and Keegan, 1944); from Cowley and Montgomery counties (Beadle, 1944); from Allen, Bourbon, Cherokee, Johnson, Labetts, Leavenworth and Linn counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (McNeal and Ferguson, 1954).

Genus Orthopodomyia. Two of the three species found in the United States occur in Kansas. All the species are very similar and can be readily distinguished only in the larval stage.

It is separated from the other genera in that it has a blunt abdomen, broad wing scales, the mesonotum has fine longitudinal lines of white scales and the fourth tarsal segment is as long as wide.

Key to Kansas Orthopodomyia - Adult Females.

- 1 Tarsal bands placed evenly on joints alba

- 1' Tarsal band uneven on joints signifera

Key to Kansas Orthopodomyia - 4th Instar Larvae Adapted from
Carpenter and LaCasse (1955).

- 1 Siphon tuft 2 - 4 branched; abdominal segment VIII without sclerotized plate alba
- 1' Siphon tuft with more than 4 branches; abdominal segment VIII with a sclerotized plate signifera

Orthopodomyia signifera (Coquillett)

Culex signifera Coquillett, 1896, Can. Ent., 28:43. Synonymy: Mansonia waverleyi Graham (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium sized and has a long dark proboscis with numerous white scales forming narrow longitudinal lines dorsally. The scutum has long dark setae, small reddish brown scales and three paired narrow longitudinal lines of silver white scales. The first abdominal tergite had a median patch of broad pale scales; the second has a pale basal band which nearly projects to the apical margin; and the remaining tergites are dark scaled.

Bionomics. The larvae may be found in water filled rot cavities in trees and occasionally in artificial containers. The adult has not been known to bite man (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Medical Importance. It is not known to be of medical importance.

Distribution. It is found in southern United States north to Massachusetts and west to North Dakota and New Mexico.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Ft. Leavenworth by Olson and Keegan (1944a); from Cowley, Labette, Montgomery and Sedgwick counties by Beadle (1944); from Allen, Barton, Bourbon, Douglas, Finney, Geary, Johnson, Leavenworth and McPherson counties (Anonymous, 1951);

and from the Arkansas White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Orthopodomyia alba Baker

Orthopodomyia alba Baker, 1936, Proc. Ent. Soc. Wash., 38:1.

Recognition Characters. The adult female appears to be indistinguishable from Orthopodomyia signifera with the exception that the bands on the hind tarsal segments are more evenly placed on the joints (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Bionomics. The larvae may be found in water-filled rot cavities in trees and occasionally in artificial containers. Very little information is known about the feeding of the adults (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Medical Importance. It is not known to be of medical importance.

Distribution. It is found in the eastern and central United States.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Ft. Leavenworth, Ft. Riley and Saline county by Olson and Keegan (1944a); from Riley county by Beadle (1944); from Allen, Bourbon, Dickinson, Geary and Leavenworth counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Genus Psorophora. This genus is separated into three subgenera: Psorophora, Janthinoecoma and Grabhamia. The adults are separated from the other genera by the presence of epiracular and postspiracular bristles, abdomen of female tapered and the postnotum bare.

The eggs are laid singly in depressions where the water will gather after a rain. The larvae develop rapidly and the larvae of the subgenus Psorophora are predaceous on other mosquito larvae associated with them (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955). The adult female is a vicious and troublesome

biter.

Key to Kansas Species of Psorophora - Adult Females Adapted from Carpenter and LaCasse (1955).

- 1 Wing scales mixed dark and white 2
- 1' Wing scales all dark or only few inconspicuous white scales on costa and subcosta 4
- 2 Segment 1 of hind tarsus white scaled at base and middle; no definite pattern in wings confinnis
- 2' Segment 1 of hind tarsus largely pale scaled; wing with definite areas of white and dark scales 3
- 3 Alternating groups of dark and pale scales on fringe of wing signipennis
- 3' Uniformly dark scaled on wing fringe discolor
- 4 Hind legs (including apical part of femora) with long erect scales very shaggy; 5th segment hind tarsi never all white 5
- 4' Apical part of femora without long erect scales (when tibiae is somewhat shaggy the fifth segment of hind tarsus is all white) 6
- 5 Proboscis dark scaled; scutum without median longitudinal strips of golden scales howardii
- 5' Proboscis yellow scaled basally; scutum with a median longitudinal strips of golden scales ciliata
- 6 Hind tarsi entirely dark scaled cyaneascens
- 6' Hind tarsi white on apical segments 7
- 7 Mixed brown and golden yellow scales on scutum in no definite pattern ferox
- 7' Scutum has a broad median longitudinal strips of dark brown scales, and pale yellow or greyish white scales laterally 8
- 8 Pale knee spots present; palpi less than one-third as long as proboscis horrida
- 8' Pale knee spots absent; palpi more than one-third as long as proboscis longipalpis

Peorophora (Peorophora) ciliata (Fabricius)

Culex ciliata Fabricius, 1794, Ent. Syst., 4:401. Synonymy: Culex molestus Wiedemann, Peorophora lynchi Brethes, Peorophora otitea Dyar and others according to Carpenter and LaCasse (1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is very large and has a long proboscis. The scutum has a narrow medium stripe of pale golden scales and a narrow submedium stripe on either side. The first abdominal tergite has a median patch of grayish-white scales; the remaining tergites are pale yellow to brown scaled. The femora is yellow scaled and speckled with dark on basal two-thirds; the apical part is densely clothed with long erect dark scales. The tibia has long dark erect scales except for a narrow basal ring of yellow scales.

Bionomics. The larvae may be found in temporary rain-filled pools where they feed on larvae of other associated species. The females are vicious biters and may attack any time during the day (Anonymous, 1955).

Medical Importance. It is not known to be of medical importance.

Distribution. It is found in eastern United States west to South Dakota, Nebraska and Texas.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported to occur in Atchison, Chattanooga, Dickinson, Douglas, Leavenworth, Reno, Riley, Rush and Saline counties by DeMoss (1937); from Cowley, Labette, Montgomery and Sedgwick counties by Beadle (1944); from Allen, Anderson, Barton, Bourbon, Crawford, Ellsworth, Finney, Geary, Johnson, Kingman, Linn, McPherson, Neosho, Pawnee, Pratt, Republic, Rice and Seward counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Pacrophora (Grabhamia) confinnis (Lynch Arribalzaga)

Taeniorhynchus confinnis Lynch Arribalzaga, 1891, Rev. Mus. de la Plata, 2:149. Synonymy: Culex iamaicensis Theobald, Janthinosema texanum Dyar and Knab, and others according to Carpenter and LaCasse (1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium to large in size with a dark scaled proboscis which has a wide yellowish-white median band. The scutum is dark scaled except for lavender-tinted narrow white scales on the preecutellar space, the lateral angle of scutum, the scutal angle, the patch above the wing base and a submedian spot near the middle. The first abdominal tergite has a patch of greyish white scales; the remaining tergites are dark scaled and have white to pale yellow scaled apical markings which are triangular in shape on tergites II to IV and divided into paired submedian patches on IV to VII. The femora are dark scaled and speckled with white scales, their posterior surface being largely pale scaled. The tibiae are dark with numerous small white scale spots on the outer surfaces.

Bionomics. The larvae may be found in temporary rain-filled pools. The adults probably lay their eggs on damp soil in depressions which are subject to over-flowing of streams and canals. The females are vicious biters attacking any time of day or night (Anonymous, 1955).

Medical Importance. It is not known to transmit any disease of medical importance. It is noted for its persistence in attacking man and livestock. In the Florida Everglades and the rice fields of Arkansas livestock are occasionally killed and people will stay in their well-screened houses at night (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Distribution. It may be found throughout the United States, especially abundant in the southern states.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Douglas, Linn and Lyon counties by DeMoss (1937); from Cowley, Labette, Montgomery, Riley, Sedgwick and Shawnee counties by Beadle (1944); from Allen, Anderson, Bourbon, Butler, Crawford, Ellsworth, Geary, Johnson, Leavenworth, Neosho, Reno, Republic and Wilson counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from Arkansas White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Psorophora (Janthinoeoma) cyaneecens (Coquillett)

Culex cyaneecens Coquillett, 1902, Jour. N. Y. Ent. Soc., 10:137. Synonymy:

Psorophora purpurascens Edwards, Psorophora tovari Evans and Psorophora dyari petrooohi (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium to large in size with a long dark proboscis. The scutum has mostly pale yellow scales. The first abdominal tergite is largely pale scaled; tergites II to VI are black scaled and have apical submedian triangular patches of yellow scales; tergite VII is entirely dark. The femora are yellow scaled and speckled with dark scales. The tibiae and tarsi are entirely dark scaled.

Bionomics. The larvae may be found in temporary rain filled pools. The adult female which is encountered outdoors and seldom enters houses, is a vicious biter and will feed until completely engorged or brushed off (Anonymous, 1955).

Medical Importance. It is not known to be of medical importance.

Distribution. It is found in southeastern United States.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Dickinson, Reno, Riley and Wyandotte counties by DeMoss (1937); from Cowley, Labette, Montgomery and Sedgwick counties by Beadle (1944); from Allen, Anderson, Barton,

Bourbon, Geary, Harvey, Leavenworth, Linn, McPherson, Neosho, Pottawatomie, Rice, Saline, Seward, Shawnee and Summer counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Peorophora (Grabhamia) discolor (Coquillett)

Culex discolor Coquillett, 1903, Can. Ent. 35:256.

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium sized and has a dark scaled proboscis which has a wide median pale yellow band. The scutum is clothed with pale yellow to golden brown scales. The first abdominal tergite has greyish-white scales on the median area; the remaining tergites are greyish white scaled with dark scales intermixed. The femora have intermixed brown and pale scales; the tibiae are pale scaled with a few dark scales intermixed.

Bionomics. The larvae may be found in temporary rain filled pools and various flooded areas. The females are persistent biters when occurring in large numbers (Anonymous, 1955).

Medical Importance. It is not known to be of medical importance.

Distribution. It is found in southern United States north to New Jersey, west to Nebraska and New Mexico (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Ft. Leavenworth, Ft. Riley, Saline and Shawnee counties by Olson and Keegan (1944a); from Cowley, Labette, Montgomery, Riley and Sedgwick counties by Beadle (1944); from Allen, Anderson, Barton, Bourbon, Butler, Geary, Johnson, Leavenworth, Linn, McPherson, Neosho, Pratt, Republic, Rice and Seward counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Psorophora (Janthinosoma) ferox (Humboldt)

Culex ferox Humboldt, 1820, Voy. Reg. Equin., 7:119. Synonymy: Janthinosoma coquillettii Theobald, Janthinosoma terminalis Coquillett and others according to Carpenter and LaCasse (1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium sized and has a long dark proboscis. The scutum is clothed with dark brown and golden yellow to yellowish white scales which are not arranged in a definite pattern. The first abdominal tergite has a median patch of dark purplish scales; the remaining tergites are dark scaled. The femora are dark except for the posterior surfaces which is pale.

Bionomics. The larvae may be found in temporary rain filled pools and pot holes in streams. The females are persistent and painful biters and attack man readily (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Medical Importance. It is not known to be of medical importance in the United States, but it has been found to be carrying eggs of Dermatobia in Panama (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955). Dermatobia is a genus of warble flies of the family Oestrus which deposits its eggs on the body of mosquitoes, flies or ticks and are then transported to their host.

Distribution. It is found in eastern United States.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Ft. Leavenworth and Saline county by Olson and Keegan (1944a); from Labetts, Montgomery and Sedgwick counties by Beadles (1944); from Allen, Anderson, Barton, Bourbon, Butler, Douglas, Ellsworth, Johnson, Leavenworth, Neosho, Republic and Rice counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Psorophora (Janthinosoma) horrida (Dyar and Knab)

Aedes horridus Dyar and Knab, 1908 (in par), Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 35:56.

Synonymy: Psorophora horridus, Howard, Dyar and Knab and Psorophora horrida Roth (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium sized and has a long dark scaled proboscis. The scutum has a broad median stripe of dark bronze brown scales which is bordered with greyish white to yellowish scales. The first abdominal tergite is largely pale scaled; the remaining tergites are dark purplish on the dorsum. The front and middle femora are dark scaled with the posterior surface being pale; the basal half of the hind femur is pale on all aspects and is dark apically. The front and middle tibiae and tarsi are dark scaled.

Bionomics. The larvae may be found in temporary rain pools following prolonged rains. The females are fierce biters attacking man any time during the day in shady areas (Anonymous, 1955).

Medical Importance. It is not known to be of medical importance.

Distribution. It is found in southeast United States north to Ohio and Pennsylvania and west to Nebraska and Texas (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Atchison and Riley counties by DeMoe (1937); from Cowley, Labette, Montgomery and Sedgwick counties by Beadle (1944); from Bourbon, Cloud, Douglas, Geary and Leavenworth counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Psorophora (Psorophora) howardii Coquillett

Psorophora howardii Coquillett, 1901, Can. Ent., 33:258. Synonymy:

Psorophora virescens Dyar and Knab (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is very large and has a long brown proboscis. The scutum has a narrow median stripe of dark bronze scales and black setae, a submedian stripe of similar scales and a large lateral area of white scales on both sides. The first abdominal tergite has a broad median patch of white scales; the remaining tergites are blue-black scaled dorsally and with white scales laterally and apically. The femora are yellow scaled and speckled with dark scales; the tibiae are clothed with yellow and purple scales.

Bionomics. The larvae may be found in temporary rain filled pools and are predaceous on other mosquito larvae with which they are associated. The adult female is a persistent biter attacking man any time during the day when their breeding grounds are invaded.

Medical Importance. It is not known to be of medical importance.

Distribution. It is found primarily in the southeastern United States.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Saline county by Olson and Keegan (1944); from Labette county by Beadle (1944); from Allen and Bourbon counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas White-Red river basin by McNeel and Fergusson (1954).

Psorophora (Janthinosoma) longipalpis Roth

Psorophora (Janthinosoma) longipalpis Roth, 1945, Proc. Ent. Soc. Wash., 47:1. Aedes horridus (Dyar and Knab), (in part), Psorophora horridus Howard, Dyar, and Knab, (in part), Psorophora (Janthinosoma) horridus Matheon, (describes male), Psorophora (Janthinosoma) horrida Rozeboom, (describes larvae) (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium sized and has a long dark proboscis. The scutum has a broad median strip of dark bronze brown scales which is bounded laterally with broad white to yellowish scales and narrow pale scales intermixed with the broad ones on the posterior third of the scutum. The first abdominal tergite has yellowish white scales; the remaining tergites are violet scaled dorsally. The front and middle femora are dark with the posterior surfaces being pale; the hind femur has the basal two-thirds pale on all aspects. The tibiae and tarsi of the front and middle legs are dark scaled.

Bionomics. The larvae can be found in heavily shaded temporary rain filled pools (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Medical Importance. It is not known to be of medical importance.

Distribution. It is found in the midwestern United States.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Atchison county (Anonymous, 1951) and from the Arkansas White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Psorophora (Grabhamia) signipennis Coquillett

Taeniorhynchus signipennis Coquillett, 1904, Proc. Ent. Soc. Was., 6:167.

Recognition Characters. The adult female is medium sized and has a dark scaled proboscis which has a very wide whitish yellow median band. The scutum is clothed with golden brown scales which are paler yellow on the sides. The first abdominal tergite has a median white scaled area; the remaining tergites are primarily white scaled and speckled with dark scales. The femora and tibiae are dark speckled with pale scales mostly on posterior surface.

Bionomics. The larvae may be found in temporary ground pools, roadside pools and in recently filled pools in dried stream beds (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955). The adult may be annoying when their breeding grounds are invaded (Anonymous, 1951).

Medical Importance. It is not known to be of medical importance.

Distribution. It is found in central United States.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Dickinson, Doniphan, Hodgeman and Saline counties by DeMoss (1937); from Cowley, Montgomery, Labette, Riley and Sedgwick counties by Beadle (1944); from Allen, Anderson, Barton, Bourbon, Butler, Crawford, Ellis, Ellsworth, Finney, Geary, Leavenworth, McPherson, Neosho, Pratt, Republic, Rice, Rush, Seward and Shawnee counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Genus Uranotaenia. This genus is composed of three species: synthetica which is found in Mexico and southwestern United States, anhedor which occurs in California and sapphirina occurring in eastern United States west to North Dakota and New Mexico which includes Kansas (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955). It is separated from the other genera in that the second marginal cell is less than half as long as its petiole.

The eggs are laid in boat shaped masses on the surface of the water; the larva has a siphon tube of short or medium length with the anal segment completely ringed by the dorsal saddle.

Uranotaenia sapphirina (Osten Sacken)

Aedes sapphirinus Osten Sacken, 1868, Trans. Amer. Ent. Soc., 2:47.

Synonymy: Uranotaenia coquilletti Dyar and Knab, 1906, Jour. N. Y. Ent.

Soc., 14:186.

Recognition Characters. The adult female is very small and has a long dark brown proboscis. The scutum is clothed with golden to dark brown scales and a narrow median line of iridescent bluish scales extending nearly the entire length. The abdominal tergites are clothed in brown scales with the apices of the third, fifth and often the sixth tergite having a rounded median patch of white scales. The legs are dark brown scaled except for small patches of bluish white scales at apices of femora and tibiae and yellowish scales on the posterior surface of the femora.

Bionomics. The larvae may be found in permanent pools, ponds and lakes which contain floating or emergent vegetation exposed to sunlight. It is not known if the adult feeds on man (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Medical Importance. It is not known to be of medical importance.

Distribution. It is found in eastern United States west to North Dakota and New Mexico (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Ft. Leavenworth, Ft. Riley and Saline county by Olson and Keegan (1944a); from Cowley, Labette, Montgomery, Sedgwick and Shawnee counties by Beadle (1944); from Allen, Anderson, Barton, Bourbon, Ellsworth, Geary, Leavenworth, Neosho, Republic, and Rice counties (Anonymous, 1951); and from the Arkansas White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Tribe Toxorhynohitini. This tribe is composed of a single genus Toxorhynohites. The tribe is separated from the other tribes by having the proboscis thickened basally and curved downward and backward.

The adults are large, brilliantly colored, diurnal and non-bloodsucking mosquitoes.

Genus Toxorhynohites. This genus consists of two species rutilus rutilus found in extreme southeastern United States and rutilus septentrionalis which are found in eastern United States north to New Jersey and Pennsylvania and west to the great plains of Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

The females of the two species are indistinguishable but the males may be separated by the coloration of the front tarsus; rutilus rutilus has the front tarsus with segment 2 and basal part of segment 3 with white scales, while rutilus septentrionalis front tarsus is entirely dark scaled (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955). The larvae of the two species are indistinguishable, are found in rot cavities of trees and various types of wooden artificial containers. The eggs which are laid singly on the surface of the water are ovate in shape (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Toxorhynohites rutilus septentrionalis (Dyar and Knab)

Megarhinus septentrionalis Dyar and Knab, 1907, Jour. N. Y. Ent. Soc., 15:12.
 Synonymy: Megarhinus herrioki Theobald, and Toxorhynohites rutilus septentrionalis Jenkins (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Recognition Characters. The adult female is a very large brilliantly ornamented mosquito which is indistinguishable from T. rutilus rutilus. The sides, and a median stripe which covers the anterior two-thirds of the scutum, are gold scaled with blue reflection; the remainder of the scutum is clothed with dark purplish brown scales. The abdominal tergites are clothed with brown to metallic blue green scales. The femora are dark brown, except the basal portion and posterior surfaces which is golden yellow. The tibiae are clothed with dark brown and purple scales.

Bionomics. The larvae are found principally in rot cavities of trees and occasionally in artificial containers. The females feed on the nectar of flowers and other plant juices (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Medical Importance. It is not known to be of medical importance.

Distribution. It is found in eastern United States north to New Jersey and Pennsylvania and west to the great plains of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Douglas county by DeMose (1937); from Cowley county by Anonymous (1951); and from the Arkansas White-Red river basin by McNeel and Ferguson (1954).

Control of Mosquitoes

Mosquito control is conveniently divided into permanent and temporary methods. Permanent methods are designed to eliminate or effectively control the water in which mosquitoes breed. Temporary control measures are used to obtain immediate relief from mosquitoes and during the period of instituting permanent control. Permanent measure should not be undertaken without the advice or consultation of a trained entomologist or sanitary engineer. The initial high cost of instituting permanent control measures must be weighed against the application of insecticides, a temporary type, on a scheduled basis.

Permanent control measures may be exercised by improving natural drainage, stream flushing, proper shoreline maintenance of impounded water, control of aquatic vegetation, control of rainfall and floodwater, control of coastal marshes and introducing certain species of fish. One or a combination of these control methods may have to be used to obtain satisfactory

control.

The three general methods of temporary control of mosquitoes are by application of larvicides, residual sprays, and space sprays.

Larvicides. This is accomplished by treating water surfaces with an insecticide to kill the mosquito larvae. DDT is usually the insecticide of choice, but if the mosquitoes prove to be resistant, other insecticides may be used such as lindane, dieldrin or toxaphene at the dosage recommended on the label. Solutions, emulsifiable concentrates, water dispersible powders, or dusts, if heavy vegetation or possible damage to crops may occur, may be used for effective larvae control. DDT at 0.2 of a pound per acre in a draining area, or 3.0 pounds per acre in a non-draining area for long residual effect and the danger of injuring wildlife does not exist, will generally give effective control (Anonymous, 1956). Effective control by airplane may be achieved by using 20% DDT oil spray at the rate of 0.2 of a pound of DDT per acre (Anonymous, 1956).

Residual Sprays. This type of spray is used to control the adults when they land on a surface. The common insecticide in use is DDT at the rate of 200 mg per square foot, or dieldrin at 25 to 50 mg per square foot and BHC at 20-25 mg per square foot also may be used (Quarterman, 1957).

Space Sprays. The most commonly used product indoors is a self-propellant aerosol known as an aerosol bomb, which will provide limited protection, but a mixture containing 0.1 to 0.2 per cent pyrethrins may be used in various types of sprayers. The outdoor space sprayers will vary from very small portable units to large airplanes and helicopters. The most common unit, which is designed for residential areas and dense vegetation, is a fog generator which gives satisfactory control, unless high winds occur,

for at least twenty-four hours. The mist blower, which will give more satisfactory control over a longer period of time through its deposit of insecticide on various objects, has the disadvantage of covering automobiles and windows with a film of oil and insecticide. DDT is most commonly applied as a 5 per cent solution at 0.5 of a pound per acre (Quarterman, 1957), but it will depend on the area which is to be covered. Malathion may be substituted when resistance to the chlorinated insecticides occur.

Personal Measures. Repellents may be used for protection when entering areas which have high populations of mosquitoes. There are various brands of repellents, which are applied to the skin and/or clothing, but the repellent containing diethyltoluamide is proving to be more effective against a larger number of insects than the others on the market (Gilbert et al., 1957).

General Precautions. The directions and precautions which appear on the label of various insecticides should be strictly followed to insure the safety of all concerned and for effective control of insects.

TABANIDS (TABANIDAE, DIPTERA)

Family Tabanidae

The taxonomic characters which separate the family Tabanidae from the other families of Diptera are antennae composed of five or fewer freely articulated segments, tarsi with three pads, third antennal segment annulated, large and conspicuous oalypters, and veins R four and R five are divergent enclosing the wing tip.

The tabanids, commonly called horse flies and deer flies, are composed

of a great number of species; Philip (1947) reported 475 species in 27 genera exclusive of subspecies and subgenera.

The adults are of stout build, strong fliers and have large, prominent and usually brilliantly colored eyes. The females, normally in the fall, lay their eggs in a cluster on vegetation, rocks or other material in an aquatic or semiaquatic environment. The larvae hatch, after several days, and burrow into the moist soil and feed on various organic material; some species are predaceous and feed on earthworms, snails, insect larvae and in dense populations will feed on one another (Hays, 1956). The larvae molt several times (4-9 depending on the author) during their development which may last as long as four or five months, and after their last molt migrate to relatively dry soil and go into a quiescent or pupa stage. The adults emerge from the puparium and make their way to the surface before their wings are fully expanded (Hays, 1956). The adult female which is diurnal in habit, feeds on various warm blooded animals, mates and deposits her eggs, while the male feeds chiefly on pollen and nectar. In the process of feeding the female tears or rips the skin of the animal and sucks up the exuded blood in a few minutes and sometimes makes several more punctures for no apparent reason (Philip, 1931).

Nearly all tabanids have the same general life cycles, with slight variations, that is, of the female depositing her eggs on vegetation near the water, the larvae after hatching burrow into moist soil, then migrating to relatively dry soil and pupating; the adult emerges, mates, seeks a blood meal, and then deposits her eggs. In recent studies by various authors it has been shown that T. quinquevittatus larvae have been found in pasture sod without the presence of nearby water, the only water available being from

natural rainfall.

The tabanids are second only to mosquitoes in their medical importance. The female is, as in the mosquitoes, the sex which is of medical importance. The female may be distinguished by being dichoptic whereas the male is holoptic. The role played by the tabanids in transmission of various diseases is purely mechanical and is not necessary to the continuation or multiplication of the disease. When in the act of feeding the female penetrates the skin and will cause the wound to bleed profusely, possibly with some anticoagulant secretion in her saliva. If the animal were infected it would be possible for the tabanid to transmit the organism by way of contaminated mouth-parts, to an uninfected animal the next time she fed or when piercing the skin for the joy of it. It has been shown by various authors that tabanids are capable of transmitting anthrax, equine infectious anemia, equine encephalomyelitis, anaplasmosis, surra, tularemia (deerfly fever), loiasis and el debab. In addition to the diseases directly attributed to the tabanids, they may provide a portal of entry for various other causative agents of disease. The blood exuded from the wound caused by the tabanid or a wound caused by the animal kicking at the tabanid is an attractant to the screwworm, Callitroga americana C. & P. There are other ways of causing loss to man by the attack of the tabanids; one is to deny man access to various areas because of the constant and persistent attacks of the tabanids; the annoyance can be great enough on cattle or other livestock to cause them to go off feed which would result in a failure to gain weight at a normal expected rate, and the injury to animals when running through fences or other obstacles in an attempt to escape the bites of the tabanids.

The family Tabanidae is divided into two subfamilies, Pangoniinae Loew

and Tabaninae Loew. These two subfamilies are easily distinguished in that Pangoniinae has two apical spurs, usually strong, on the hind tibiae and Tabaninae lacks these spurs. The Pangoniinae are usually referred to as deer flies and Tabaninae, horse flies.

Subfamily Pangoniinae. This subfamily is separated into three tribes: Pangoniini Enderlin which has 7 annuli in the flagellum; Chrysopini Enderlin which does not have over 5 divisions in the flagellum (4 annuli); and Merycomyia which has only 2 annuli on the third antennal segment. The tribe Merycomyia Hine is rare and is not found in Kansas.

Tribe Pangoniini. This tribe has only one genus represented in Kansas, which is Esenbeckia. The genus can be distinguished by the hyaline or diffusely tinted wings, proboscis about equal to height of head and not swollen basally, and cell R five closed and petiolate.

Tribe Chrysopini Enderlin. This tribe is represented in Kansas by two genera, Silvius and Chrysops. Silvius Meig. can be distinguished by its hyaline wings or isolated clouds on the cross veins, the eyes "freckled" with small rounded spots, and the flagellum longer than the 2 basal segments combined. Chrysops Meig. can be distinguished by having a slender abdomen, wings having mostly irregular dark patterns, and the eyes with large angular spots.

Key to Subfamily Pangoniinae Found in Kansas - Adult Female. Adapted from Philip (1947) and Brennan (1935).

- 1 Hind tibiae with two apical spurs Subfamily Pangoniinae..2
- 1' Hind tibiae without apical spurs Subfamily Tabaninae
- 2 Flagellum with at least 7 annuli Tribe Pangoniini
Genus Esenbeckia with only one species reported from Kansas,
Esenbeckia incisuralis (Say)
- 2' Flagellum with 4 annuli Tribe Chrysopini..3

- 3 Eyes "freckled" with small round spots, flagellum longer than 2 basal segments combined, and wings hyaline or with isolated clouds on cross veins Silvius Meig...4
- 3' Eyes with large angular spots and wings with irregular dark patterns Chrysops Meig...5
- 4 Veins R four and R five with subapical spots quadrivittatus (Say)
- 4' Veins R four and R five without subapical spots pollinosus Will.
- 5 Apical spot on wing rather narrow, at most only includes extreme apex of cell R four 6
- 5' Apical spot includes at least one-half of cell R four 7
- 6 Black triangle encroaches upon yellow or gray on each side of central spot on second abdominal segment. Apex of cell M three often hyaline aestuans Wulp or aestuans abaestuans Philip
- 6' Black triangle not encroaching upon yellow on each side .. callida O.S.
- 7 Apex of hyaline triangle not extending beyond vein M one .. moecha O.S.
- 7' Apex of triangle extending beyond vein M one 8
- 8 The yellow of the abdomen has 4 more or less complete brown or black longitudinal stripes 9
- 8' Without 4 longitudinal stripes on yellow abdomen 13
- 9 Apex of hyaline triangle very little beyond vein R four plus five .. 10
- 9' Apex of hyaline triangle extends at least to R two plus three 11
- 10 The mesonotum is dark brown and has two yellow-green stripes aberrans Philip
- 10' The mesonotum is black and has four yellow lines and yellow hairs .. vittata Wied.
- 11 Lateral abdominal stripes not appearing on segments I and II pikoi Whit.
- 11' Lateral abdominal stripes complete 12
- 12 Frontal callus black sequax Will.
- 12' Frontal callus yellow beameri Brennan
- 13 Antennae distinctly swollen 14

- 13' Antennae rather slender 16
- 14 Vertex at least as broad as long fulvaetra O.S.
- 14' Vertex longer than head 15
- 15 Abdomen light brown pattern obscure brunnea Hine
- 15' Abdomen more yellowish pattern distinct flavida Wied.
- 16 Abdomen fuscous or black with a conspicuous yellow mid-dorsal stripe ..
..... wiedemanni Kroeber
- 16' Abdomen not so patterned flavida Wied.

Ensenbeckia incisuralis (Say)

Pangonia incisuralis Say, Jl. Acad. N. S. Phil., III, 31, 1823. Synonymy:
Pangonia incisea Wiedemann and Ricardoa latiflagrum Enderlein (Philip, 1947).

Recognition Characters. The mesonotum is fuscous and has yellow pubescence, the pleurae and venter are fuscous and have yellow pilosity. The female is 14-16 mm long. The abdomen is fuscous; the hind margins of all segments and the sides of the first two are yellow, the yellow pubescence being most dense on the hind margins; venter mostly fuscous, the segments with yellow hind margins. The wings are subhyaline and have a yellow tinge which is most saturated in the costal region; the veins are yellow and a stump is usually present at the bifurcation of vein R 4 plus 5. The legs are yellow and have yellow hairs except the front coxae and basal portion of the femora which are fuscous.

Distribution. It is found in Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Chautauqua and Cowley counties (Brennan, 1935); from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955); and from Riley county (KSC).

Silvius pollinosus Williston

Silvius pollinosus Williston, Trans. Conn. Acad. Arts Sci., 4:244, 1880.

Recognition Characters. The length of the female is 9-10.5 mm. The mesonotum has rather faint alternate light and dark etripee. The abdomen has an obscure double row of median black angulate spots which are more visible on segments II to IV. All pilosity and pubescence are white. The wings are hyaline and have a brown stigma and brown spots at the cross veins and bifurcation of vein R 4 plus 5. The legs are yellow except the gray pollinose front coxae and the joints, apices of tibiae, front and middle femora, practically the entire hind femora and all tarsi, except the yellow bases of the metatarsi are fuscous.

Distribution. It is found in Arizona, Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported as being found in Kansas from June to August by Brenman (1935); from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955); and from Comanche, Riley, Russell and Seward counties (KSC).

Silvine quadrivittatus (Say)

Chrysops quadrivittatus Say, Jl. Acad. N. S. Phil., III, 33, 1823.

Recognition Characters. The female is 7-10 mm long. The mesonotum is yellow-gray pollinose with alternate light and dark stripes. The abdomen is yellow-gray or gray pollinose and has four rows of black vittate spots. The gray venter of the abdomen has a faint suggestion of a dark broken median and lateral etripe. The wings are hyaline and have a brown stigma and brown spots. The legs are yellow except for gray pollinose on the front coxae and the fuscous trochanters, apices of femora and tibiae, and tarsi except the

yellow bases of the metatarsi.

Distribution. It has been reported from Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Wyoming (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Kansas by Breman (1935); from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955); and from Pottawatomie, Jefferson, Clark, Reno, Riley and Seward counties (KSC).

Chrysops aberrans Philip

Chrysops aberrans Philip, Proc. Ent. Soc. Wash., 43:122, 1941.

Recognition Characters. The over-all length of the female is 9-11 mm. The mesonotum is dark brown with two yellow-green stripes. The fore coxae are yellow, mid and hind coxae are dark. The abdomen is yellow and has four dark stripes. The venter is yellow and has median and lateral dark stripes.

Distribution. It is found from Massachusetts to Pennsylvania, and west to Minnesota and Illinois (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It is reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Chrysops aestuans Van der Wulp

Chrysops aestuans Van der Wulp, Tijdsch. v. Ent., 10:135, 1867. Synonymy:

Chrysops moerens Walker (Hays, 1956).

Recognition Characters. The female is about 10-11 mm long. The mesonotum has four greenish gray stripes, with the median stripes converging behind the head. The legs are black. The abdomen has light triangles on at least segments 2 to 4; all segments are posteriorly margined with yellow and segments 1 and 2 have sublateral pale spots which occasionally extend

laterally into segment 3. The venter is gray.

Distribution. It has been reported from the Midwest and the western United States (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported to occur in the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a) and in Meade county (KSC).

Chrysops aestuane abaestuans Philip

Chrysops aestuans abaestuans Philip, Proc. Ent. Soc. Wash., 43:121, 1941.

Recognition Characters. The holotype female is 8.5 mm long. It differs from the characteristic C. aestuane in the breadth of the apical spot of the wing and the reduction of the lateral triangles on the second abdominal tergite.

Distribution. It has been reported from Iowa, Kansas, Colorado and South Dakota (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Clark county by Philip (1941) and from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Chrysops beameri Brennan

Chrysops beameri Brennan, U. Kane. Sci. Bull., 22:265, 1935.

Recognition Characters. The female is 8 mm long. The mesonotum, the pleural and the sternal regions are yellowish pollinose and have fuscous stripes. The abdomen is yellow and has four fuscous longitudinal stripes; the venter is yellow and has a broad midventral brown stripe extending basally not beyond segment 2, and on each side there is a narrow stripe.

Distribution. It has been reported from Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio and Massachusetts (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Comanche county by Brennan (1935) and from the Arkansae White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Chrysops brunnea Hine

Chrysops brunnea Hine, Ohio State Acad. Sci. Spec. Papers, No. 5:34, 1903.

Recognition Characters. The mesonotum has four grayish stripes. The scutellum and the sternum are uniformly brown with the legs being light brown to yellow and the tarsi somewhat darker. The abdomen, which has no definite pattern, is broadly brown and darkened medianly on each segment. The venter of the abdomen is uniformly brown.

Distribution. It has been reported from New York to North Carolina and west to Texas and Kansas (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Chrysops callida Osten Sacken

Chrysops callida Osten Sacken, Mem. Boston Soc. Nat. Hist. 2:379, 1875.

Synonymy: Chrysops callidula Philip.

Recognition Characters. Over-all length of the female is 8-10 mm. The mesonotum is dark and has four light stripes; the median pair does not reach the scutellum which is uniformly dark. The pleurae are dark and have two light stripes. The legs are black except bases of tibiae and the mid- and hind tarsi. The dorsum of the abdomen is black and has a median row of yellow triangles.

Distribution. It is found in eastern and mid-western United States.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red

river basin (Anonymous, 1955a) and from Clark county (KSC).

Chrysops flavida Wiedemann

Chrysops flavida Wiedemann, Dipt. exot., 1:105, 1821.

Synonymy: Chrysops canifrons Walker and Chrysops guiterasi Brunetti.

Recognition Characters. The female is 8-10 mm long and has four yellow-gray etripes on the mesonotum. The legs are yellow; the tarsi and the apical half of the fore tibiae are tinged with brown. The abdomen is brown and has a mid-dorsal row of yellow triangles; each tergite is banded posteriorly with yellow; and there are sublateral pale spots on tergites 1, 2 and occasionally 3. The venter is yellow and tinged with brown toward the apex.

Distribution. It has been reported from New York to Florida and west to Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Chrysops fulvastra Osten Sacken

Chrysops fulvaster Osten Sacken, West. Dipt., p. 221, 1877. Synonymy:

Chrysops coloradensis Rigot and Heterochrysops fulvaster Krober (Philip, 1924)

Recognition Characters. The female is 6-8 mm long. The mesonotum is brown or yellow-brown pruinose and has fuscous stripes. The pleurae and venter are gray-yellow pollinose and have brown etripes. The abdomen is yellowish or gray-yellow and has a black spot beneath the scutellum; the second segment has a median pair of oblique black spots which are sometimes nearly united at the anterior margin to form a geminate spot; the remaining segments are black with yellowish posterolateral angles and hind margins which expand

to form mid-dorsal triangles.

Distribution. It has been reported from California east to Minnesota and Oklahoma (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported as collected in Kansas from 4 June to 26 July (Brennan, 1935) and from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Chrysops moeche Osten Sacken

Chrysops moeche Osten Sacken, Mem. Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., 2:315, 1875.

Synonymy: Chrysops moechus Segal (Philip, 1947).

Recognition Characters. The female is 8-9 mm long. The mesonotum has a sublateral pale green stripe on each side. The pleura has alternating dark and light stripes. The legs are yellow except for the darkened apices of the fore tibiae and fore tarsi. The abdomen has the first tergite yellow except for a small median black rectangle posterior to the scutellum. The second and fourth tergites are dark posteriorly with a yellow median line and sublateral yellow areas. The remaining tergum is usually dark.

Distribution. It has been reported from Maine to North Carolina and west to Kansas and Oklahoma (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a) and from Riley county (KSC).

Chrysops pikei Whitney

Chrysops pikei Whitney, Can. Ent., 36:205, 1904.

Recognition Characters. The female is 7-8 mm long. The mesonotum is black and has four yellowish lines and scattered yellow hairs. The pleura is alternately yellow and dark striped and has sparse yellow hairs. The

abdomen is yellow and has four black stripes, the lateral stripes fading on the first and second tergites and the mid-dorsal pair sometimes merging on the first tergite. The venter is yellow and has two lateral dark stripes and is tinged black apically.

Distribution. It has been reported from New York to Georgia and west to Texas to Nebraska (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a) and from Jefferson and Riley counties (KSC).

Chrysops sequax Williston

Chrysops sequax Williston, Trans. Kans. Acad. Sci., 10:133, 1887.

Recognition Characters. The female is 8-9 mm long. The mesonotum is dark brown; it has four yellow stripes and yellow hairs. The pleura has alternate yellow and dark brown bands and yellow hairs. The abdomen is yellow and has four black longitudinal stripes, the median pair narrowly converging on tergite 1, and the lateral pair extending the whole length. The venter is yellow with three dark stripes; the broad center stripe is present on all sternites and the narrow lateral stripes absent from the first sternite.

Distribution. It has been reported from Massachusetts to Georgia and west to Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a) and from Meade, Riley and Trego counties (KSC).

Chrysops univittata Macquart

Chrysops univittata Macquart, Dipt. exot. nouv. peu connus, Sup. V, p. 36, 1855. Synonymy: Chrysops faeolipennis Macquart.

Recognition Characters. The female is 7-8 mm long. The mesonotum is black and has two light greenish yellow stripes. The pleura is alternately yellow and brown striped. The abdomen has a median yellow stripe bounded on each side with irregular black areas; the first tergite is completely yellow. The venter of the abdomen is yellow basally and black apically.

Distribution. It has been reported from Maine to Florida and west to Kansas and Nebraska (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a) and from Riley county (KSC).

Chrysops vittata Wiedemann

Chrysops vittata Wiedemann Dipt. exot., 1:106, 1821. Synonymy: Chrysops areolatus Walker and Chrysops lineatus Jaennicke.

Recognition Characters. The female is 7-10 mm long. The mesonotum is black and has four yellow lines and yellow hairs. The abdomen is yellow and has four dark stripes; the middle pair reaches the first tergite and the lateral pair usually fades on the second tergite. The venter is yellow and has three faint dark stripes.

Distribution. It has been reported from Maine to Florida and west to Kansas, Nebraska and Texas (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a) and from Doniphan and Pottawatomie counties (KSC).

Chrysops wiedemanni Krober

Chrysops wiedemanni Krober, Stettin. Ent. Ztg., 87:267, 1926. Synonymy:

Chrysops fraternus Krober and Chrysops obsolustus of authors (not Wiedemann) (Hays, 1956).

Recognition Characters. The female is 6-9 mm long. The mesonotum is black and has two indistinct light stripes. The pleura has alternately yellow and dark brown stripes. The abdomen is dark brown and has a light-colored median parallel-sided stripe. The venter is yellow basally and black posteriorly.

Distribution. It has been reported from Maine to Florida and west to Kansas and Nebraska (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Subfamily Tabaninas Loew. This subfamily, characterized by not having apical spurs on the hind tibiae, is separated into five tribes, Chlorotabanini Philip, Bolbodimyini Philip, Diachlorini Philip, Chrysozonini Philip and Tabanini End. (Philip, 1947). The only tribe represented in Kansas is Tabanini, which can be distinguished from the other four tribes by having the subepaullets with hairs like those on the costal vein and the flagellum with 5 divisions.

Key to the Subfamily Tabaninas found in Kansas - Adult Female,
Adapted from Philip (1947) and Stone (1938).

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| 1 | Hind tibiae with two apical spurs | Subfamily Pangoninae |
| 1' | Hind tibiae without apical spurs | Subfamily Tabaninae..2 |
| | Only tribe found in Kansas, Tribe Tabanini End. | |
| 2 | Vertex with a distinct and demised ocelligerous tubercle | 3 |
| 2' | Vertex without tubercle | 4 |

- 3 Eyes bare and scutellum pallid Leucotabamus Lutz
Only species occurring in Kansas, annulatus (Say)
- 3' Eyes usually pilose and scutellum usually dark Hybomitra End.
- 4 Eyes brown or yellow, distinctly pilose, without callosities
..... Atylotus O.S.
Only species occurring in Kansas, bicolor (Wiedemann)
- 4' Eyes blackish when dried, female with a broad basal callosity 5
- 5 Erect hairs on antennae, including annuli, and palpi Anaoides End.
Only species found in Kansas, dodgei (Whitney)
- 5' Without erect hairs on antennae, etc. Tabanus Linn...6
- 6 Abdomen with both median and sublateral pale spots 7
- 6' Abdomen not so marked 15
- 7 Furcation with a distinct brown spot 8
- 7' Furcation without a distinct spot 9
- 8 Large brown maculations on wing, not confined to cross veins and furcation. Lateral abdominal spots confined to posterior segments and often joined to median triangle venustus Osten Sacken
- 8' Wing and abdominal spots not as above reinwardtii Wiedemann
- 9 Mesonotum yellow in color and without longitudinal stripes; conspicuous line formed by median abdominal line fulvulus Wiedemann
- 9' Without above combination of characters 10
- 10 Eyes pilose orbicallus Philip
- 10' Eyes bare 11
- 11 Costal cell hyaline; small dark spots and frons widened above
..... eparus milleri Whitney
- 11' Brownish spots; frons usually not widened and costal cell infuscated if less than 12 mm long 12
- 12 Costal cell hyaline; basal portion of third antennal segment rather short and broad; and a faint spot, a furcation abactor Philip
- 12' Furcation not margined with brown; basal portion of third antennal segment rather elongate 13

- 13 Frons narrow, widened above eackeni Fairchild
- 13' Frons moderate in width and with parallel sides 14
- 14 Pale markings of abdomen yellowish brown, the eublateral spots distinctly touching hind margin sublongus Stone
- 14' Pale markings of abdomen grayish, the sublateral spots small and separated from hind margin longue Osten Sacken
- 15 Abdomen unicolorous or tergites with narrow posterior pollinose bands 16
- 15' Abdomen not as above 21
- 16 Palpus reddish brown to white, or if dark reddish, wing hyaline and has dark coetal cell and the body is 25 mm or more in length 17
- 16' Palpus dark brown to black 18
- 17 Wings hyaline, the coetal cell dark brown americanoe Forester
- 17' Wings uniformly dilute brown, the coetal cell yellow calene Linn.
- 18 Furcation without a distinct dark cloud; wing uniformly brown to black atratus Fabricius
- 18' Furcation with a distinct dark cloud 19
- 19 Mesonotum pale punctifer Osten Sacken
- 19' Mesonotum dark brown to black 20
- 20 Frons narrow, distinctly widened above; antennae mostly orange proxime Walker
- 20' Frons moderate in width, nearly parallel sides; antenna mostly black; and wings nearly black nigrescens atripennis Stone
- 21 Abdomen orange brown, with a row of dark subquadrate spots on median area of abdomen abdominalis Fabricius
- 21' Abdomen with a single median row of pale spots or with a stripe with or without pale lateral spots 22
- 22 Median row of pale spots not forming a parallel-sided stripe 23
- 22' Abdomen with a median row of pale spots forming a parallel-sided stripe, with or without sublateral spots or stripes 30

- 23 No spot on tergite 2, abdomen with distinct, median brown stripe ...
..... trimaculatus Palisot
- 23' Pale spot on tergite 2 sometimes faint 24
- 24 Pale spot on tergite 2 distinctly smaller than those on tergites 3
and 4; scutellum with distinct pale pile molestus Say
- 24' Not as above 25
- 25 Furcation not margined with brown, or if faint spot present there is
also a stem vein at furcation 26
- 25' Furcation distinctly margined with brown 27
- 26 Small, compact, not over 15 mm long, dark reddish brown, the pale
abdominal triangles arising from narrow bands nigripes Wied.
- 26' Not as above third antennal segment mostly red; abdominal triangles
very faint; cell R five narrowed toward margin calens Linnaeus
- 27 Fore tibia unicolorous or rarely the base brownish, with orange-black
hair, the apex darker 28
- 27' Fore tibia bicolored 29
- 28 Cell R five closed or strongly narrowed apically calens Linnaeus
- 28' Cell R five wide open equalis Hine
- 29 Cell R five closed; anterior half of wing distinctly yellowish brown;
frons very narrow, slightly widened above; femora black; pale
abdominal triangles usually not so distinct as the larger black
markings abdominalis Fabricius
- 29' Frons moderate in width; pale abdominal triangles distinct; middle
femora brownish; wings nearly hyaline but for spots; cell R five
narrowed toward margin but rarely closed sulcifrons Macquart
- 30 Eye with a single purple band; frons nearly parallel-sided; annulate
portion of third antennal segment usually longer than basal portion;
costal cell colored, sometimes faintly 31
- 30' Two purple bands on eye; frons somewhat widened above; annulate
portion of third antennal segment shorter than basal portion;
costal cell hyaline as rest of wing lineola Complex. 33
- 31 Palpus, pleura, and costal cell deeply yellow
..... quinquevittatus Wiedemann
- 31' Palpus white, pleura grayish 32

- 32 Coetal cell strongly infuscated; frontal callus.... fuscoscatus Hine
- 32' Coetal cell usually strongly brownish yellow; abdomen black laterally, the lateral spots evanescent mularis Stone
- 33 Male 34
- 33' Female 37
- 34 Scutellum and thorax concolorous 35
- 34' Scutellum reddish on posterior margin 36
- 35 Middorsal abdominal striae chalky white lineola Fab.
- 35' Middorsal and sublateral stripes yellow lineola
- 36 Upper eye facets little differentiated, bare under hand lens; legs predominantly reddish lineola scutellaris Wlk.
- 36' Upper eye facets much enlarged, plainly hairy; legs variable vittiger schwardti Philip
- 37 Scutellum and thorax concolorous, dark lineola Fab.
- 37' Scutellum reddish on posterior margin; sublateral abdominal stripes marked irregular 38
- 38 Legs predominantly reddish lineola scutellaris Wlk.
- 38' Femora of at least fore and hind pair infuscated or cinerous vittiger schwardti Philip

Tribe Tabannini Enderlein. This tribe is characterized by having hairs on the subepaulets like those on the coetal vein and having five divisions on the flagellum. Philip (1947) separates it into 10 genera; four and possibly five genera are represented in Kansas. The four genera are Anacimas, Atylotus, Leuotabanus and Tabanus; the fifth, which cannot be confirmed, was reported to occur in the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Genus Anacimas. This genus is represented in Kansas by one species, Anacimas dodgei (Whitney). It can be separated from the other genera by

having bare eyes, lacking a tubercle on the vertex, having blackish eyes when dried, and having unusually erect hairs on the antennae, including annuli, and palpi.

Genus Atylotus. Only one species of this genus is represented in Kansas, Atylotus bicolor (Wiedemann). It can be distinguished by having yellow or brown eyes which are distinctly pilose, by the absence of a tubercle on the vertex, and by having a normal flagellum with four distinct annuli.

Genus Leucotabanus. This genus, which has only one species found in Kansas, Leucotabanus annulatus (Say), can be separated from other genera found in Kansas by a distinct tubercle on the vertex, having normal flagellum with four distinct annuli, and by the eyes being ostensibly bare, and the scutellum pallid.

Genus Tabanus. There are twenty-seven species of this genus found in Kansas. It can be separated from the other genera by having a normal flagellum with 4 distinct annuli, by not having a hook on the third antennal segment, without a tubercle on the vertex, without hair on the annuli, antennae, and palpi, and the eyes blackish when dried.

Genus Hybomitra. The validity of this genus occurring in Kansas is in question inasmuch as the species named as occurring, Hybomitra orbicalla, cannot be found in any reference consulted during this study.

Anacimas dodgei (Whitney)

Tabanus dodgei Whitney, Canad. Ent., 11:37, 1879.

Recognition Characters. The female is 13-15 mm long. The mesonotum is dull brown and has a pair of bluish grey sublateral stripes and some gray

laterally. The pleuras, sternum and coxae are gray, and have white hairs. The abdomen is brown and has a pair of sublateral light gray stripes which are about as wide as the median brown stripe; the posterior margin of each tergite has a fringe of short yellowish hair. The wings are hyaline; the costal cell and the stigma are yellowish; and the veins are dark brown.

Distribution. It has been reported from Nebraska and Oklahoma (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Pettawatomie county (Stone, 1938); from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a); and from Riley county (KSC).

Atylotus bicolor (Wiedemann)

Tabanus bicolor Wiedemann, Dipt. exot., 1:96. 1821. Synonymy: Tabanus fulvescens Walker, Tabanus ruficeps Macquart and Atylotus bicolor Osten Sacken (Hays, 1956).

Recognition Characters. The female is 10-15 mm long. The mesonotum is brown and has dense orange-yellow hairs. The legs are orange-yellow and have black hairs on femora and tibiae. The wings are hyaline, veins yellow and the costal cell are tinged with yellow. The abdomen is variable, usually with dark spots and orange-yellow hairs, and the venter is uniformly light.

Distribution. It has been reported from Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a) and from Norton county (KSC).

Leucotabanus annulatus (Say)

Tabanus annulatus Say, Jour. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila., 3:32-33, 1823.

Recognition Characters. The female is 10-12 mm long. The mesonotum is reddish or orange brown; it has white pollen; yellowish-orange and white hair. The pleuras and sternum are whitish and have white hair. The wings are hyaline and have brown veins. The abdomen is reddish brown and the hind margins of the tergites are pale.

Bionomics. Lewis and Jones (1955) report that the larvae have been found from willow and elm tree holes, rotting logs, cavities in tree stumps, and holes in trees located from five to twenty-two feet above the ground.

Distribution. It has been reported from Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, New York, North Carolina and Texas (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Kansas by Philip (1947) and from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Tabanus abactor Philip

Tabanus abactor Philip, Ohio Jour. Sci., 36:153, 1936. Synonymy: Tabanus gracilis Sanborn, Stiles, and Moe (Not Wiedemann) (Stone, 1938).

Recognition Characters. The female is 12-15 mm long. The mesonotum is dull brown and has an indication of paler lines. The pleura, sternum and coxae are gray and have concolorous hair. The wings are hyaline and have a faint brownish spot at the furcation. The dull orange-brown abdomen has a median row of pale grayish triangles which usually reach the length of the tergites, and have oblique, sublateral spots which touch hind margin of the tergites; the venter is grayish brown and has a broad median darker stripe.

Bionomics. Schomberg (1955) reports the adult as being the chief transmitter of anaplasmosis, which is the most important disease of cattle in the United States. The larvae, which have been found in dry leaf-covered soil under trees, are white and show no typical markings and are very sluggish (Schomberg, 1955). In addition, Schomberg reported that the eggs from oaged females were scattered on the sand floors of the cages and had an incubation period of about six days.

Distribution. Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a) and from Barber county (KSC).

Tabanus abdominalis Fabricius

Tabanus abdominalis Fabricius, Syst. Antl., p. 96, 1805.

Recognition Characters. The female is 15-20 mm long. The mesonotum is brown to nearly black with distinct light brown to yellowish lines. The pleurae, sternum and coxae are grayish brown and have yellowish hairs. The femora are black, the tibiae are brown except the blackened apices of the fore tibiae, and the tarsi are dark brown to black. The wings are pale brown and darker along the veins with large spot at furcations. The abdomen is orange to orange-brown and has a dark median spot on each tergite and a row of median triangles posterior to the black spots. The venter is orange and tinged with black posteriorly.

Distribution. It has been reported from Arkansas, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Texas (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported to occur in the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Tabanus americanus Forster

Tabanus americanus Forster, Novas species insec., I:100, 1771. Synonymy:

Tabanus plumbeus Drury, Tabanus ruficornis Fabricius, Tabanus limbatus Palsiot de Beauvois, Tabanus americanus Mosier and Snyder, and Stigmatophthalmus americanus Enderlin (Hays, 1956).

Recognition Characters. The female is 23-28 mm long. The mesonotum is reddish purple and has faint lines of grayish pollen. The pleurae, sternum and legs are reddish purple to reddish brown and have yellow hairs. The wings are hyaline, the costal cells are dark brown and the veins are brown. The abdomen is reddish purple to reddish brown with wide bands of gray pollen on the posterior border of each tergite, both dorsally and ventrally.

Distribution. It has been reported from Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported to occur in the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a) and in Woodson county (KSC).

Tabanus atratus Fabricius

Tabanus atratus Fabricius, Syst. Ent. p. 789, 1775. Synonymy: Tabanus americanus Drury, Tabanus niger Palsiot de Beauvois, Tabanus validus Wiedemann, Stigmatophthalmus atratus Enderlein and Straba atrata Enderlin (Hays, 1956).

Recognition Characters. The female is 20-28 mm long. The thorax is blackish purple, occasionally with indistinct reddish lines. The wings are almost uniformly brown and the first posterior cells noticeably narrowed at the margin. The dorsum and the venter of the abdomen are blackish purple and occasionally have grayish pollen.

Bionomics. Philip (1931) reported the larval habitat as temporary ponds and running water. The larvae have been found in slow, moving or stagnant water, along banks of lakes and between a levee and the Mississippi River (Lewis, 1955).

Distribution. It has been reported from Massachusetts and Florida west to Idaho and New Mexico.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a); and from Comanche, Dickinson, Franklin, Meade, Pottawatomis, Reno, Riley and Sherman counties (KSC).

Tabanus nigrescens atripennis Stone

Tabanus nigrescens atripennis Stone, Ent. Soc. Wash. Proc. 37:15-16, 1935.

Recognition Characters. The female is 24-26 mm long. It is black and structurally indistinguishable from the typical Tabanus nigrescens except that the wings are deeply smoky and only slightly paler posteriorly, if at all.

Distribution. It is found in Maryland, Florida, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported to occur in the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a) and in Meade and Pottawatomis counties (KSC).

Tabanus calens Linnaeus

Tabanus calens Linnaeus, Syst. Nat. ed. 12, 1(1767):1000. Synonymy: Tabanus giganteus DeGeer, Mem. pour servir a l'hiet. des ins., 6(1776):226; Tabanus lineatus Fabricius, Species Ins., 2(1781):445; Tabanus pallidus Paleiot de Beauvois, Ins. rec. en Afr. et en Amer., 1809, p. 100; Tabanus bicolor MacQuart, Dipt. exot. nouv. peu connus, Sup. V, 1847, p. 21; and Tabanus caesiofasciatus Macquart, Dipt. exot. nouv. peu. connus, Sup. V. 1855, p. 32 (Hays, 1956).

Recognition Characters. The female is 22-24 mm long. The mesonotum is dark brown, has indistinct lighter lines and patches of white hairs above wing base; the remaining dorsal hairs are black. The pleurae, sternum and coxae are reddish with gray pollen and white hairs. The legs are reddish brown and the tarsi and hind tibiae are darker. The wings are brownish with the first posterior cells narrowed apically.

Bionomics. Tashiro and Schwardt (1953) report that the egg masses contain between 300 and 400 eggs; each egg is yellow with an orange band around it. The larvae are cream colored, and when full grown measure from 16 to 30 mm. In the rearing studies by Tashiro and Schwardt the cannibalistic larvae had a growing period which varied from 22 to 24 months, followed by a pupal period lasting from 16 to 24 days.

Distribution. It is reported to occur in Michigan (Hays, 1956) and from Massachusetts to Florida and west to Texas and Oklahoma (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported to occur in the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a) and in Franklin county (KSC).

Tabanus equalis HineTabanus equalis Hine, Ohio Jour. Sci. 23:205, 1923.

Recognition Characters. The female is 17-22 mm long. The mesonotum is dark reddish and has yellowish pollinose stripes. The pleura and sternum are pale reddish and have pale hair. The wings are hyaline and the cross veins and furcation are faintly margined with brown. The legs are nearly uniformly reddish and have nearly white hair. The abdomen is reddish brown and has a row of median, distinct pale trianglee about equal in size on tergites 2-4, and progressively smaller posteriorly; the lateral posterior margins of each tergite have a narrow yellowish band; the venter is nearly uniformly reddish and has pale pollen.

Bionomics. Schomberg (1955) found adults occurring in Oklahoma from May 22 to August 12, being most abundant during the last of June and the first two weeks of July. The larvae are cylindrical, have dull yellow coloration, dark brown mandibles, and when full grown are about 34 mm long. The larvae have been found in seven localities all covered with low grass and shaded by elm trees (Ulmus americana L.) and with excellent drainage (Schomberg, 1955).

Distribution. It is found from Iowa south to Oklahoma and Alabama (Stone, 1938).

Kansas Distribution. It has been found in Jackson county (Stone, 1937); in the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a) and in Coffey, Doniphan, Franklin, Riley and Russell counties (KSC).

Tabanus fulvulus Wiedemann

Tabanus fulvulus Wiedemann, Anss. zweifl. Ins., 1:153, 1828. Synonymy: Tabanus fulvofrater Walker and Tabanus mutatus Walker (Stone, 1938).

Recognition Characters. The female is 12-16 mm long. The mesonotum is black, tinged with yellow and covered with yellow hair, giving it an olive-green color. The pleuras, sternum and coxae are gray, tinged with yellow, and have pale yellowish hair. The wings are hyaline and the costal cells are tinged with yellow. The abdomen is orange brown, grading to black apically; it has three rows of orange yellow spots, the median row contiguous and widening posteriorly on each segment; the venter is yellowish and sometimes darker medianly.

Distribution. It is found in the Atlantic states and in Arkansas, Kentucky, Illinois, Louisiana and Missouri (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Tabanus fuscicostatus Hine

Tabanus fuscicostatus Hine, Ohio Nat. 7:24, 1906.

Recognition Characters. The female is 10-13 mm long. The mesonotum is blackish-brown and has brownish-gray lines. The remaining thorax is gray and has whitish hair. The wings are hyaline and the costal cell, veins, and stigma are brown. The abdomen is dark brown and has a median parallel-sided stripe of yellowish brown, and usually small sublateral spots of the same color; the venter is yellowish brown and dusky apically.

Distribution. It is reported from Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Tabanus lineola lineola Fabricius

Tabanus lineola Fabricius, Ent. Syst., 4:369, 1794. Synonymy: Tabanus vicarius Walker, Tabanus quinquemaculatus Hine, Tabanus compactus Aldrich and Tabanus quinquevittatus Hine (Hays, 1956).

Recognition Characters. The female is 10-15 mm long. The mesonotum is dark brown with gray pollen, and mixed dark and light hairs. The pleuras, sternum and coxae are gray with white hairs. The wings are hyaline and the veins are dark brown. The abdomen is brownish to black; it has a median parallel-sided yellow to whitish stripe, and oblique sublateral pale areas contiguous and forming irregular spots. The venter of the abdomen is yellowish-brown, tinged with black apically.

Bionomics. Lewis and Jones (1955) found the larvae, and that of closely related species, along the shores of lakes, in mud around edges of borrow pits and bayous, in banks of irrigation ditches; in swamps the larvae may be found under bark and in punky wood of floating logs, in debris and around cypress trees; in rice fields around terraces and thick green scum, and under cow dung which was 150 feet from water.

Distribution. It is found in the Atlantic states and west to Kansas.

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a), and from Pottawatomis, Reno and Riley counties (KSC).

Tabanus lineola scutellaris Walker

Tabanus scutellaris Walker, Ins. Saund. Dipt., 1:27, 1850. Synonymy: Tabanus lineola scutellaris Stone and Tabanus lineola of authors (partim) (Hays, 1956).

Recognition Characters. The only difference from the typical T.

lineola is the posterior half of the scutellum being reddish brown and the hind femora reddish.

Distribution. It has been reported practically in every state (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a) and from Franklin, Pottawatomis, Reno, Riley and Russell counties (KSC).

Tabanus longus Osten Sacken

Tabanus longus Osten Sacken, Mem. Boston Soc. Nat. Hist. 2(pt. 4, No. 4 and sup.):447-448, 559, 1876-78.

Recognition Characters. The female is 13-15 mm long. The mesonotum is dark brown and has a mixture of black and white hair. The pleurae, sternum and coxae are gray and have white hair. The wings are hyaline. The abdomen is dark brown and has a median row of slender, evanescent, whitish spots, widened at the posterior margins, and sublateral, oblique spots of the same color not touching the posterior margin; the venter is grayish brown.

Distribution. It is found in Pennsylvania and North Carolina to Oklahoma (Stone, 1938).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a), and from Barber and Pottawatomis counties (KSC).

Tabanus molestus Say

Tabanus molestus Say, Jour. Acad. Nat. Sci., Philad., 3:31, 1823. Synonymy: Atylotus tenessensis Bigot (Stone, 1938).

Recognition Characters. The female is 14-21 mm long. The mesonotum is brownish and has distinct whitish lines. The pleurae, sternum and coxae are gray and have whitish, brown, and brownish-black hair. The wings are subhyaline; the costal cell is brown; the furcations and cross veins are very faintly margined with brown. The abdomen is a deep orange brown and has a median row of whitish triangles consisting of small ones on the posterior margin of second tergite, broad ones sometime reaching anterior margin on tergites 3 and 4, and smaller ones posteriorly. The hind margins of the tergites usually have narrow whitish bands expanding laterally. The venter is grayish brown, and with paler bands apically.

Distribution. It is found from New Jersey to Florida and west to Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported to occur in the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Tabanus mularis Stone

Tabanus mularis Stone, Ent. Soc. Wash. Proc. 37:15, 1935.

Recognition Characters. The female is 10-12 mm long. The mesonotum is olive green and unstriped. The wings are hyaline and the costal cell is orange-brown. The abdomen is black and has a light yellowish gray median stripe and an indication of faint sublateral stripes; the venter is olive green.

Distribution. It is found in the southeastern part of the United States, from Maryland to Florida and west to Oklahoma (Stone, 1936).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Tabanus nigripes Wiedemann

Tabanus nigripes Wiedemann, Dipt. exot., 1:75, 1821. Synonymy: Tabanus ooffeatus Macquart (Hays, 1956).

Recognition Characters. The female is 11-14 mm long. The mesonotum is dark reddish black, has stripes of grayish pollen and mixed yellow and whitish hairs. The pleurae, sternum and coxae are grayish, tinged with red and with whitish hair. The legs are reddish black and have mixed black and white hairs. The wings are hyaline and the veins are brown. The abdomen is reddish black and has a median row of white triangles extended to form white posterior borders of the tergites.

Distribution. It is found from Colorado to Massachusetts and south to Louisiana and Florida (Stone, 1938).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Tabanus orbicallus Philip

Tabanus orbicallus Philip, Canad. Ent. 68:157-159, 1936.

Recognition Characters. The female is 13-15 mm long. The mesonotum is gray and has an indication of paler stripes and a mixture of white, golden and black hair. The pleurae, sternum and coxae are yellowish brown and have long white hair (the pleura is partially grayish). The wings are hyaline. The abdomen is blackish and has a median row of slender gray triangles and large, oblique, yellowish-brown triangles at each side; the venter is yellowish brown and has some gray.

Distribution. It is found in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and South Dakota (Stone, 1938).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Grove and Ness counties

(Stons, 1938); from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a); and from Pottawatomie county (KSC).

Tabanus proximus Walker

Tabanus proximus Walker, List of the Specimens of Dipterous Insects in the Collection of the British Museum, pt. 1, p. 147, 1848. Synonymy: Tabanus benedictus Whitney (Stone, 1938).

Recognition Characters. The female is 25-27 mm long. The mesonotum is dark reddish brown and has faint pollinose lines. The pleuras, sternum and coxae are dark and have black hair. The wings are pale orange-brown and are infuscated at cross veins and furcation; the costal cell and stigma are darker orange brown. The abdomen is nearly black and has thin grayish pollen dorsally.

Distribution. It is found in Illinois and Virginia to Oklahoma, Texas and Florida (Stone, 1938).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported to occur in the Arkansas White-Red river basin. (Anonymous, 1955a).

Tabanus punctifer Osten Sacken

Tabanus punctifer Osten Sacken, Mem. Boston Soc. Nat. Hist. 2(pt. 4, No. 4): 453-454, 1876.

Recognition Characters. The female is 19-22 mm long. The mesonotum is dark reddish and is covered with creamy hair. The rest of the thorax is dark brown and has concolorous hair. The wings are brownish, paler posteriorly; the cross veins and furcation are distinctly margined with brown; and cell R five is distinctly narrowed apically. The abdomen is entirely black.

Distribution. It is found in western United States east to Oklahoma and Texas (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a) and from Riley and Russell counties (KSC).

Tabanus quinquevittatus Wiedemann

Tabanus quinquevittatus Wiedemann, Dipt. Exot. 1:84, 1821. Synonymy:

Tabanus oostalis Wiedemann, Tabanus vicarius Walker (partim), Tabanus baltimorensis Macquart and Tabanus floridanus Szilady (Hays, 1956).

Recognition Characters. The female is 11-14 mm long. The mesonotum is dark brown and has erect black hairs and recumbent yellow hairs. The pleurae, sternum and coxae are gray and have yellow hairs. The abdomen varies from black to orange brown, and has a parallel-sided middorsal yellow line bordered with black, which gives way to orange laterally.

Bionomics. Tashiro and Schwardt (1949) reported large numbers of larvae along banks of small pasture stream where the soil was damp but not wet.

Distribution. It is found from the Atlantic states to Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a) and from Pottawatomie, Riley, Stafford and Woodson counties (KSC).

Tabanus reinwardtii Wiedemann

Tabanus reinwardtii Wiedemann, Auss. Zweifl. Ins., 1:130, 1828. Synonymy:

Tabanus erythrotalus Walker (Hays, 1956).

Recognition Characters. The female is 15-19 mm long. The mesonotum is

blackish and has reddish lines and gray pollen. The pleurae and sternum are blackish tinged with red, and have gray pollen and white hairs. The wings are hyaline, the furcations and cross veins are distinctly margined with brown, and the first posterior cells are narrowed apically. The abdomen is reddish brown to almost black; it has a median row of pale tergites and sublateral gray spots in an oblique pattern on all tergites. The venter is gray and is darkened mesially.

Bionomics. The larvae have been found along the water edges in muddy banks of various streams or ponds (Fairchild, 1950).

Distribution. It is found from the Atlantic states west to Colorado, Montana and Wyoming (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a) and from Pottawatomie and Riley counties (KSC).

Tabanus eackeni Fairchild

Tabanus eackeni Fairchild, Boston Soc. Nat. Hist. Occ. Papers, 8:141, 1934.

Synonymy: Tabanus longus Osten Sacken (partim) (Hays, 1956).

Recognition Characters. The length of the female is 11-14 mm. The mesonotum is brown and has yellowish gray hairs; stripes are present, but indistinct. The pleurae, sternum and coxae are gray and have white hairs. The wings are hyaline. The abdomen is brown and has a parallel-sided median row of grayish triangles; each tergite has sublateral oblique oval yellowish spots. The venter is gray.

Distribution. It has been reported from the Atlantic states to Kansas and Oklahoma (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Tabanus sparus milleri WhitneyTabanus milleri Whitney, Canad. Ent. 46:344, 1914.

Recognition Characters. It can be distinguished from the typical T. sparus only in fresh or relaxed specimens by the single broad purple band on the greenish sys (the typical T. sparus has a unicolorous eye). The female is 9-11 mm long. The mesonotum is blackish, it has indistinct gray lines and mixed black and orange-yellow hairs. The pleurae, sternum and coxae are gray and have whitish hair. The wings are hyaline. The abdomen is brownish-black and has indistinct median triangles. The posterior border of the tergites are light and encroach upon each tergite to form sublateral pale spots.

Distribution. It is found from New York to Florida, from the Gulf states to Oklahoma and Kansas and in Michigan (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported to occur in the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Tabanus sublongus StoneTabanus sublongus Stone, U.S.D.A. Misc. Publ. No. 305, p. 74, 1938.

Recognition Characters. The female is 12-14 mm long. The mesonotum is black, it has brown hair, some brownish pollen and scarcely any stripes. The pleura, sternum and coxae are pale gray and have white hair. The wings are nearly hyaline; the costal cell is only faintly washed with orange; and the veins are orange brown. The abdomen is dark brown and has three rows of yellowish-brown spots; the median spots form a continuous slender line which widens abruptly at the posterior margin of each tergite; and the sublateral spots are rather large, oblique, and each is in contact with the hind margin of the tergites. The venter is orange brown and sometimes

clouded with darker color.

Distribution. It has been found in Maryland, Virginia, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma (Stons, 1938).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Tabanus sulcifrons Macquart

Tabanus sulcifrons Macquart, Dipt. exot. nouv. peu connus, Sup. V, p. 33, 1855. Synonymy: Tabanus variegatus Fabricius, Tabanus teotus Osten Sacken and Tabanus exul Osten Sacken (Hays, 1956).

Recognition Characters. The female is 18-23 mm long. The mesonotum is dark reddish brown and has thin gray pollen. The pleuras, sternum and coxae are reddish gray and have yellowish hairs. The wings are subhyaline with the costal cells orange and the first posterior cells narrowed but not closed apically. The abdomen is orange-brown dorsally (darker apically) and has a median row of white triangles which are usually margined dark brown or black. The venter of the abdomen is orange-brown tinged with black.

Bionomics. Schomberg and Howell (1952) report the adult to be the most injurious horse fly in Oklahoma, with the emergence period from late June to peak in August and declining in September. The Oklahoma study showed that after examining thousand of samples of soil, sulfifrons was only taken once from moist soil; 255 larvae were taken from 37 different locations - the soil was from damp to dry, at a maximum depth of two inches below surface and most found in shaded dry wash gullies (Schomberg and Howell, 1952).

Distribution. It has been reported from the eastern portion of the United States to Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Texas (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a) and from Allen, Dickinson, Franklin, Marshall, Pottawatomie, Republic, Riley and Shawnee counties (KSC). It is the most important species of horse fly in Kansas.

Tabanus trimaculatus Palsiot de Beauvois

Tabanus trimaculatus Palsiot de Beauvois, Ins. rec. en Afr. et en Amer., p. 56, 1807. Synonymy: Tabanus aestuum Bosc(MS) by Macquart and Tabanus quiquelineatus Macquart (Hays, 1956).

Recognition Characters. The female is 15-18 mm long. The mesonotum is reddish brown, has lines of gray pollen, and grayish white and dark brown hairs. The pleurae, sternum and coxae are reddish brown, have light gray pollen and gray hairs. The wings are almost hyaline, the costal cells infuscated, and the furcations and cross veins are margined with brown. The dorsum of the abdomen is reddish brown and has prominent median white triangles on tergites 3 through 5. The venter is gray and has a broad brown median stripe.

Distribution. It is found in the eastern and midwestern states (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a) and from Riley and Pottawatomie counties (KSC).

Tabanus venustus Osten Sacken

Tabanus venustus Osten Sacken, Mem. Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., 2:444, 1876.

Recognition Characters. The female is 16-18 mm long. The mesonotum has gray pollen and pile and longitudinal stripes of brown pollen. The pleura and sternum are generally brown. The wings are nearly hyaline. The abdomen is dark brown to black; the first tergite has a small median white spot; tergites 2 to 6 have median white triangles which are widest on the third tergite and are smaller posteriorly; and a sublateral row of rather faint round pale spots on tergites 3 to 6. The venter is dark brown and has a row of pale spots on each side of a broad median dark stripe.

Distribution. It is found in midwestern United States (Philip, 1947).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Tabanus vittiger schwardti Philip

Tabanus vittiger schwardti Philip, Psyche 49:29, 1942.

Recognition Characters. Philip (1942) reported that the male differs from T. lineola scutellaris in that it has a large head, with much-enlarged upper eye facets occupying fully three-quarters of the total eye area, and with more pronounced hairs. The fore femora and, to a less extent, the hind and mid-pair are infuscated. The female differs only in infuscation of femora.

Distribution. It has been reported from Arkansas, Arizona, Texas, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, Virginia, Washington, D. C., Maryland, Delaware, Massachusetts, Ohio, Michigan and Kansas (Philip, 1942).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Montgomery and Kiowa counties by Philip (1942); from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a); and from Reno, Meade, Riley, Franklin, Pawnee, Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee counties (KSC).

Control of Tabanidae

It is very difficult to get the insecticide through the soil or mud to the larvae or to kill the adult horse fly before it has bitten several times. The larvae are found buried in damp soil near various types of water, but may be found in pasture-type soil which is considerable distance from available water. The adults are strong fliers, bite vigorously and repeatedly in a rapid sequence, so that several severe and painful wounds are made.

Larvicide. It has been reported by several authors that the use of granulated formulation of 1 to 2.5 percent of dieldrin applied at the rate of approximately 0.3 pounds per acre gave up to 85 percent protection for a period of up to one year.

Adulticide. The recommended control measure on livestock (Anonymous, 1958) is to use pyrethrin at 0.05 to 0.1 percent plus a synergist of piperonyl butoxide at 0.5 to 1.0 percent as a wet spray every two to three days, or a daily mist spray by hand or with a treadle sprayer. The above treatment not only kills the adults but will act as a repellent. A new repellent containing "Tabutrex" is available for spraying on all types of cattle and will give very effective control when sprayed daily. For personal protective measures the use of repellents such as "Off" may give satisfactory results. In addition, general sanitation by draining unnecessary ground pools may give some desired results.

Precautions. Before undertaking horse fly control an entomologist should be consulted as to the safety of the insecticide and probable results expected. In the use of any insecticide the directions should be followed on the label to insure safety and satisfactory results.

BLACK FLIES (SIMULIIDAE, DIPTERA)

Family Simuliidae

The taxonomic characters which separate this family from the other families of the order Diptera are the broad wings with the posterior veins being weak, the costa ending at or near the wing tip, the absence of ocelli, the antennae being composed of more than 6 freely articulated segments, dark color, rarely over 5 mm in length, and having a hump-backed appearance with short, thick legs.

The members of this family, which are often called black flies or buffalo gnats, may be so annoying as to cause livestock to stop feeding and to deny man access to certain areas. In addition to their nuisance value, they have been incriminated in the transmission of onchocerciasis to man in equatorial Africa, central America and southern Mexico. They are considered a possible vector of tularemia in western United States and are known to spread a malaria-like disease of poultry caused by Leucocytozoon spp. (Nicholson and Mickel, 1950). The three proven vectors of the Leucocytozoon diseases are S. venustum Say, S. meridionale Riley and S. jenningsi Mall., all of which occur in Kansas.

The eggs of the black flies are deposited on aquatic vegetation, emergent branches and stones in streams. The larvae, which vary in color from gray to brown or black, are elongated and round in cross section; the head is strongly sclerotized and the remainder of the body is membranous. The immature stages are found clinging to submerged rocks, branches or other vegetation in water which has a definite current; they are incapable of swimming but loop along like geometrid caterpillars (Nicholson

and Mickel, 1950). The pupae are characterized by having a conspicuous pair of respiratory organs and a cocoon which is either an unorganized mass of silk filaments in which the pupae is embedded or a delicately woven case open at the anterior end and resembling a slipper or a wall vase (Nicholson and Mickel, 1950).

The males, which do not have fully developed mouth parts for piercing, are confined to feeding on plant juices. The black flies are considered to be weak fliers but have been found to migrate as far as 10 miles, and some writers report migrations of as much as ninety miles (Nicholson and Mickel, 1950).

Key to the Kansas Simuliidae - Adult Female (Adapted from Nicholson and Mickel, 1950).

- 1 Pediusculus present (a furrow or groove present on the second tarsal segment); basal cell absent Simulium..2
- 1' Pediusculus absent or very indistinct; basal cell usually distinguishable Cnephia vittata (Malloch)
- 2 Setae on the radius between the stem vein and the radial sector aureum Fries
- 2' Radius bare between the stem vein and the radial sector 3
- 3 Stripes present on mesonotum 4
- 3' Stripes absent on mesonotum 5
- 4 Five stripes on mesonotum vittatum Zett
- 4' Three stripes on mesonotum meridionalis Riley
- 5 A row of setae on subcosta ventrally venustum Say
- 5' Subcosta bare ventrally jenningsi Malloch

Genus Cnephia. This group is characterized by having an unbranched radial sector, which may have a swollen tip at the junction of the costa; eleven segmented antennae; toothed or untoothed claws on the female;

microtrichia on the upper side of the basal section of the radius; a single row of hairs on the upper side of the distal portion of Rs; presence of a basal cell; sinuous Cu two; and spiniform macrotrichia intermixed with bristle-like ones on costa. One member of this genus is represented in Kansas.

Gnephia mutata (Malloch)

Prosimulium mutatum Malloch, U. S. Dept. Agric., Bur. Ent. Tech. Ser. 26: 1-71, 1914. Synonymy: Eusimulium mutatum permutatum Dyar and Shannon according to Smart (1945).

Recognition Characters. The body and legs are brown in color. The mesonotum is covered with pale hair-like pile; scutellum has dark upright setae which is mixed with pale setae on some specimens; postnotum is bare and shining; and the pleural arsa is brown and has mixed light and dark setae. The wings are smoky brown and have dark hair-like setae on the stem vein and base of costa. The hind tibiae have characteristic elongate spurs. The pilosity of the abdomen is pale, sparse and confined mostly to the terminal segments.

Distribution. It is reported from Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, New Jersey, Virginia, California, Idaho, Montana, Washington and Wyoming by Dyar and Shannon (1927); from Rhode Island and Massachusetts by Nicholson and Mickel (1950); and from Arkansas and Colorado (Anonymous, 1955a).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Genus Simulium. The members of this genus may be separated from the other genera by the following characteristics: simple unbranched radial sector; no basal cell; Cu two sinuous; macrotrichia of costa bristle-like

intermixed with epiniform; basal section of the radius naked or with macrotrichia on upper side; and eleven segmented antennae. Five species of this genus occur in Kansas.

Simulium aureum Fries

Simulia aureus Fries, Monograph Simul. Suec., p. 16, 1824. Synonymy:

Eusimulium pilosum Knowlton and Rowe, and Eusimulium utahense Knowlton and Rowe (Stains and Knowlton, 1943), and Simulium bracteatum Coquillett and others according to Smart (1945).

Recognition Characters. The female has a general golden appearance. The basal two segments of the eleven segmented antennae are light brown. The head and mesonotum is densely clothed with golden pubescence, occasionally silvery; and the pleural area is brown and has pale tufts. The scutellum is brown, densely clothed with pale yellow upright and recumbent setae, and the postnotum is bare except for a few posterior yellow setae. The wings are clear and have pale hairs on the stem vein and base of costa. The legs are yellow except the middle and hind coxae, apices of the femora, tibiae and hind basitarsi which are black. The abdomen is densely clothed with golden to silvery pile.

Distribution. It occurs widely over North America according to Nicholson and Mickel (1950).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a) and from Pottawatomie county (KSC).

Simulium jenningsi Malloch

Simulium jenningsi Malloch, U.S.D.A. Bur. Ent. (Tech. Ser.) 26:41.

Recognition Characters. The basal two segments and the base of the

third of the antennae are pale brown. The mesonotum is glossy dark gray to black, slightly pollinose anteriorly and laterally, and has sparse, pale yellow, fine pubescence. The scutellum is shiny dark brown and has black upright setae. The legs are yellow for the most part and have a prominent silvery-white pollinose patch dorsally on all tibiae, those on the hind pair confined to the basal half. The abdomen has a sparse, pale basal fringe; the second segment is dark brown and has gray pollinose reflections laterally; segments three to five are opaque velvety black dorsally; and the terminal segments are shiny dark brown to black.

Distribution. It is reported from Louisiana, Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, Minnesota, South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida and Illinois (Malloch, 1914).

Kansas Distribution. It is reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Simulium meridionale Riley

Simulium meridionale Riley, Rept. Ent. Comm. Agric. 492-517. 1881.

Synonymy: Simulium occidentale Townsend, Simulium tamanlipense Townsend, and Simulium forbesi Malloch.

Recognition Characters. The basal two segments of the antennae are paler than the remaining segments. The mesonotum has gray pollinose; moderately covered with short, white, hair-like pile; and has 3 longitudinal stripes present which may be indistinct, the lateral stripe somewhat converging anteriorly. The scutellum is black and has upright and a few recumbent pale setae. The legs are dark brown, except the gray pollinose coxae and the black tarsi. The claws have a large thumb-like basal tooth. The abdomen is bluish gray except tergites two to five which are black.

Distribution. It is found in the midwestern United States and extending westward and southward (Nicholson and Mickel, 1950).

Kansas Distribution. It is reported from Douglas county (Dyar and Shannon, 1927); from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a); and from Riley, Stafford, Pottawatomie, Dickinson and Ottawa counties (KSG).

Simulium venustum Say

Simulium venustum Say, Jour. Acad. Sci., Phila., 3:28, 1829.

Recognition Characters. The antennae are dark brown except the basal two segments which are pale brown. The mesonotum is shining dark brown or black and has gray pollinosity. The scutellum is dark brown and has upright black setae and many recumbent, pale, hair-like setae. The legs are yellow for the most part. The abdomen has a pale basal fringe; the second tergite is silver pollinose laterally; segments three to five are opaque and velvety black; and the remaining segments, shining brown to black.

Distribution. It has been reported from Utah, Idaho, Colorado, California, Washington, Montana, Wyoming and Texas according to Staine and Knowlton (1943); and from Minnesota (Nicholson and Mickel, 1950).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Simulium vittatum Zetterstedt

Simulium vittatum Zetterstedt, Ins. Lappan. Dipt., p. 803, 1835.

Recognition Characters. The head is gray, sparsely covered with white setae, and the antennae are black and have pale pilosity. The mesonotum is gray and has sparse white pilosity; there are five black to brown

longitudinal mesonotal stripes, with the median stripe being the longest and extending the entire length, while the submedian pair are shorter and located on the posterior half of the mesonotum, with the lateral pair spot-like, sometimes indefinite, and occurring mesally from anterior to posterior. The scutellum is black to dark brown, has gray pollinosity, and is clothed with long white setae. The wings are clear and the veins are pale; the veins at the base of the wings are slightly yellowed; and the hair-like setae on the stem vein and base of the costa are white. The legs are yellow and black and have gray pollinosity. The abdomen is gray; the second segment has a median black spot; segments three to seven have a posterior tridentate black cross band dorsally.

Distribution. This probably is the most cosmopolitan species in the entire family, since it has been collected from various states in each section of the United States with the exception of the southeastern states (Staine and Knowlton, 1943).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansaw White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a) and from Riley county (KSG).

Control of Black Flies

The control of black flies is accomplished by either controlling the larvae or the adults. In order to achieve satisfactory control, accurate preliminary surveys should be made by trained personnel to insure at least partially satisfactory control.

Twinn (1952) reported 91 percent larval and 85 percent adult control when an area was sprayed twice, by a C-47 airplane, with DDT oil solution applied at the rate of one-quarter of a pound of DDT per acre; one

application will adequately control larvae but two are needed to control adults.

It has been reported by Twinn (1952) that DDT applied in fuel oil at the rate of one part DDT per ten million parts of water, maintained at point of application for 15 minutes practically eliminated black fly larvae for a distance of one hundred seventeen miles in a river in Canada. Twinn (1952) concluded that the larvae ingest the silt upon which the DDT lodges.

The use of repellents such as "Off" are quite effective for personal protection against the attack of adult black flies.

BITING MIDGES (CERATOPOGONIDAE, DIPTERA)

Family Ceratopogonidae

The taxonomic characters which separate the family Ceratopogonidae from the other families of the order Diptera are the antennae, which are composed of fourteen segments; absence of ocelli; the costa ending at or near the wing tip; the wings more narrow than broad; the media forked; and the mouth parts fitted for piercing.

The members of this family are minute, rarely over 5 mm in length. This family has 20 genera, and of this number three genera - Culicoides, Lasiohelea and Leptoconops - will attack warm-blooded animals (Curran, 1934). The genus Culicoides is the only one known to be of medical importance in Kansas.

Genus Culicoides. This genus may be separated from the other genera by the presence of humeral pits on the mesonotum, 2 anterior radial cells, costa ending at about six-tenths to two-thirds of the wing length, and the

first tarsal segment at least twice as long as the second. Culicoides have been incriminated in the transmission, but not in the United States, of Mansonella ozzardi (Manson), Acanthocheiloneura perstans (Manson), Dipetalonema streptocerca (Macfis and Corson) and various Onchocerca sp. Culicoides sp. is suspected of transmitting a virus infection, bluetongue of sheep and fowlpox. In addition, they are capable of rendering an area almost uninhabitable to man because of their annoyance and painful bite.

The larvae of Culicoides may be found in mud, sand and debris at the edges of ponds, springs, lakes and creeks, treeholes and slime-covered bark. The immature form swims with an eel-like motion and rests on twigs or bite of leaves. The larvae have been observed feeding by Foote and Pratt (1954) on decaying vegetation and associated protozoa, algae and other microorganisms. In Kansas, problems of biting Culicoides are often associated with breeding in overflows from sink drains, cess pools, etc. (Knutson, personal communication). It has been reported that low water temperature is favorable for larval development and oviposition apparently takes place in a shady locality. The pupa, which is dark in color, is found in the mud along the banks of various types of water habitats.

Key to Genus Culicoides Found in Kansas - Adult Female, Adapted from Foote and Pratt (1954).

- 1 Wings uniformly colored, without light or dark markings hieroglyphicus Malloch
- 1' Wings with two or more light spots 2
- 2 The 2nd radial cell and surrounding veins darker than rest of wing which has no distinct white spots or 2nd radial cell partly or entirely included in light spot obsolatus (Meigen)
- 2' Wing with 2 or more light spots or 2nd radial cell entirely dark3
- 3 Wings with light spots near margin only, the center brownish or greyish biguttatus (Coquillett)

- 3' Pattern of light spots in center as well as margins 4
- 4 Mesonotum marked with many small dark spots varipennis complex
- 4' Mesonotum marked with large longitudinal dark lines, these usually laterally connected 5
- 5 Three light spots present in cell R five. The latter two may be connected with obsolescent arc along anterior edge of wing stillifer (Coquillett)
- 5' Only two light spots present on R five, the distal ones sometimes large and indistinct 6
- 6 Light spots not present on vein M one or two but two spots present in cells M one and M two crepuscularis Mall.
- 6' Light spots present on vein M one and M two, only 1 spot present in cell M one and M two 7
- 7 Small distinct light spots near center of cell R five, the tip of the cell dark guttipennis (Coq.)
- 7' A small but distinct light spot at tip of cell R five haematopodus Malloch

Culicoides biguttatus (Coquillett)

Ceratopogon biguttatus Coquillett, Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. 23:604, 1901.

Recognition Characters. It is the only species that has only two distinct light spots on the wings. These spots occur near the anterior margin, one over the r-m cross vein and the other just distal of the radial cell; the remainder of the wing is light gray or brown. The mesonotum is brown and divided into three about equal areas, the central area has a dark median stripe and the lateral regions are somewhat darker. The scutellum is dull yellow and has a transverse row of ten small hairs. The eyes are distinctly separated at the vertex, and the frons and clypeus are yellowish brown. The proboscis is three-quarters as long as the palpi and the antennae is a little longer than the head. The abdomen is dull brown in color.

Distribution. It has been reported from Connecticut, District of Columbia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon, Texas, Virginia, Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Vermont (Foote and Pratt, 1954).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Shawnee county by Foote and Pratt (1954) and from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Culicoides crepuscularis Malloch

Culicoides crepuscularis Malloch. Bull. Ill. State Lab. Nat. History 10: 303, 1915.

Recognition Characters. The second radial cell of the wing is entirely dark. The light spots of the wing lie mainly within the cells rather than on the veins; the remainder of the wing is brown. The last five segments of the flagellum are about one-third longer than the first eight.

Distribution. It has been reported from Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming, Alabama, New Jersey, New York, Utah and Vermont (Foote and Pratte, 1954).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Montgomery county by Foote and Pratt (1954) and from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Culicoides guttipennis (Coquillett)

Ceratopogon guttipennis Coquillett, Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. 23:603, 1901.

Recognition Characters. The apical third of cell R five on the wing

is dark and has light spots in cells M one, M two, at the base of vein M one and the middle of vein M two; vein Cu 2 is entirely dark. The thorax has a definite pattern consisting of large light spots on a dark background. The scutellum is yellow and has a broad brown central mark. The femora have preapical rings, all tibiae have a subbasal band of yellow, while the hind tibiae have a preapical band of yellow.

Bionomics. Foote and Pratt (1954) reported the larvae may be found in treeholes and were observed feeding on decaying vegetation and associated protozoa, algae and other microorganisms.

Distribution. It has been found in Arizona, Connecticut, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, Florida, Georgia, Missouri and Vermont (Foote and Pratt, 1954).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a) and a questionable specimen in poor condition from Neosho county (KSC).

Culicoidee haematopodus Malloch

Culicoidee haematopodus Malloch, Bull. Ill. State Lab. Nat. Hist. 10:302, 1915.

Recognition Characters. The wings have light spots with quite distinct borders and appear evenly whitish against a heavily pigmented background; there are two well-separated light spots in cell R five, one of which is small and at the extreme tip of the cell, while the other is a larger distinct spot just distad of the second radial cell.

Distribution. It has been reported from California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Texas, Florida, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania,

Tennessee, Utah and Virginia (Foote and Pratt, 1954).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported collected in Riley county by Foote and Pratt (1954) and in the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Culicoides hieroglyphicus Malloch

Culicoides hieroglyphicus Malloch, Bull. Ill. State Lab. Nat. Hist. 10: 297, 1915.

Recognition Characters. The last five segments of the flagellum are about equal to the first eight. The second segment of the palpi is shorter than the third which is moderately swollen and has small deep sensory pits. The wings are clear. The mesonotum has large distinct markings consisting of prescutellar spots, paired longitudinal dark markings extending to and surrounding the sensory pits, and a central vitta widening slightly behind the sensory pits and again with the preescutellar depression.

Bionomics. The larvae are usually found in areas of salt marshes (Foote and Pratt, 1954).

Distribution. It has been reported from California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Oklahoma (Foote and Pratt, 1954); and from Montana, Arizona, and Arkansas by Root and Hoffman (1937).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a); and from Riley and Stafford counties (KSC).

Culicoides obsoletus (Meigen)

Ceratopogon obsoletus Meigen Syst. Besch., 1:76, 1818. Synonymy:

Culicoides obsoletus, Edwards, Ceratopogon sanguisugus Coquillett, Culicoides sanguisugus Malloch, Ceratopogon virtulus Coquillett, Culicoides hirtulus

Roet and Hoffman and Culicoides biguttatus Jenkins according to Wirth (1951).

Recognition Characters. It is a small (1.0 to 1.5 mm), shining, poorly marked, brown species. The mesonotum is shining brown and without a definite pattern. The wings are practically bare, with the hair confined to the tip and may have two faint dark transverse bands. There is a continuous elongate white spot which occupies all of cells M and M two, a white spot covering at least apical half of second radial cell, and an elongated white spot occupying all of M one cell and joining the spot in cell M two over the base of vein M two. There are no light spots present on either vein M one or two. The legs are uniformly brown in color.

Bionomics. Roet and Hoffman (1937) report it as very annoying and has a painful bite. Hill and Roberts (1947) found it most active during the evening hours in the sand dunes.

Distribution. It has been reported from California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Washington, Georgia, New Jersey, Vermont and Virginia (Foote and Pratt, 1954).

Kansas Distribution. It has been collected in the sand dunes in Reno county (Roet and Hoffman, 1937).

Culicoides stellifer (Coquillatt)

Ceratopogon stellifer Coquillatt, U. S. Nat. Mus. Proc., XXIII:604, 1901.

Recognition Characters. The eyes are almost contiguous at the vertex. The frons and clypeus are cinnamon brown. The mesonotum is yellowish or gray pruinose with very dark brown lines, one along the anterior margin terminating about the pit, and the other along the lateral margin from

humeral angle to the base of the wing. The wings have light markings with quite distinct margins and are highly contrasted with the darkly pigmented wing. There is a large spot present in the middle of cell R five, which has an anterior projection which curves at the anterior edge of the wing toward apex.

Distribution. It has been reported from Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah and Virginia (Foote and Pratt, 1954).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported from Riley county by Root and Hoffman (1937) and from the Arkansas White-Red river basin (Anonymous, 1955a).

Culicoides variipennis albertensis Wirth and Jones

Culicoides variipennis albertensis Wirth and Jones, U.S.D.A. Tech. Bull.

No. 1170, 1957.

Recognition Characters. The wings are dark brown with dull grayish white markings and are relatively large in size, 1.4-1.9 mm in length. The over-all color is rather light: the mesonotum is pale and whitish gray; the scutellum is blackish on the median one-third and the sides broadly yellowish.

Bionomics. Wirth and Jones (1957) report that the larvae are probably found along the margins of alkaline pools.

Distribution. It has been reported from Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma and South Dakota (Wirth and Jones, 1957).

Kansas Distribution. It is reported from Stafford county (Wirth and Jones, 1957), and from Dickinson and Ellsworth counties (KSC).

Culicoides variipennis australis Wirth and Jones

Culicoides variipennis australis Wirth and Jones, U.S.D.A. Tech. Bull. No. 1170, 1957.

Recognition Characters. It has a moderately large wing, 1.3-1.9 mm, and is moderately dark in color. The mesonotum is light gray and the scutellum is broadly dark brown in the middle and yellowish on the sides. The wing is dark brown and has dull grayish white markings about equal in prominence and is moderately large, 1.3-1.9 mm.

Bionomics. Wirth and Jones (1957) report that the larvae probably occur in a saline environment.

Distribution. It has been reported to occur in Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia (Wirth and Jones, 1957).

Kansas Distribution. It has been reported to occur in Greenwood county by Wirth and Jones (1957).

Control of Biting Midges

The most effective control is to eliminate the breeding grounds by diking, drainage and general sanitary procedures. Since permanent control measures are not always practical or feasible, some method of chemical control may prove to be more satisfactory.

In the summary of chemical control by Foote and Pratt (1954) it is reported that a solution of five percent of gamma isomer of benzene hexachloride in a miscible oil at a dilution of one part to five hundred parts of water gave a seventy-two percent mortality of the larvae.

Satisfactory control of the adults may be obtained by painting a five percent solution of DDT or a mixture of pyrethrum and a miscible lubricating oil on window screens (Foots and Pratt, 1954). Arsa control may be obtained for a limited time by using DDT dispensed as a fog or as heat-generated aerosol.

A repellent containing disthlytoluamids has proved satisfactory for up to ten hours, when applied to the skin and/or clothing for personal protection.

SUMMARY

The species of mosquitoes of the subfamily Culicinae (Culicidae), the biting midges of the genus Culicoides (Haleidae), the black flies (Simuliidae) and the horse and deer flies (Tabanidae) known to occur in Kansas, are presented in this study. Recognition characters, bionomics, United States and Kansas distribution and keys to the species and a summary of control measures are given.

The only known serious insect-borne disease in Kansas in recent years is encephalitis. Malaria was a problem many years ago. But it must be realized that when vectors are present and if the proper conditions arise, a disease of epidemic proportions is potentially possible. The medically important mosquitoes which are proved vectors that occur in Kansas are: Anopheles quadrimaculatus, malaria; Aedes aegypti, yellow fever and dengue; Aedes aegypti, Aedes dorsalis, Culex pipiens, Culex tarsalis, Culiseta inornata and Mansonia perturbans, encephalitis. The tabanids, being mechanical transmitters, must be associated with mammalian reservoirs and susceptible hosts; thus, many species can be considered potential vectors

of tularemia, anthrax, equine infectious anemia, and anaplasmosis. Simulium occidentale, S. venustum and S. jenningsi are known to transmit leucocytozoon disease. Callicoides spp. are the suspected vector of bluetongue of sheep and fowlpox of poultry.

From the purely pest standpoint, the biting diptera in Kansas do not present problems comparable to those such as the salt marsh mosquitoes along the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts, the black flies and biting midges of the northern woods, nor the deer flies of the more humid forests. In Kansas, mosquitoes are common following heavy rains which produce temporary pools; and biting midges and deer flies can be pests, particularly in low and wooded areas adjacent to ponds and streams.

During the course of this study forty-seven species of mosquitoes among nine genera, six species of black flies among two genera, forty-seven species of horse and deer flies among seven genera, and eight species of biting midges were found to occur in Kansas.

A block-type key is presented for mosquito identification in addition to the conventional couplet key. It is of more value inasmuch as several important characteristics are available for consideration at one time in condensed form.

Control measures are presented which are not unique for Kansas, since each Kansas species has a counterpart in some other portion of the United States.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX I

Density, seasonal distribution and importance of the mosquitoes found in Kansas

Genera and species	Importance*	Density*	Seasonal Distribution

<i>Anopheles</i>			
<i>barberi</i>	U	3	
<i>crucians</i>	P	4	June thru Oct.***
<i>franciscanus</i>	U	4	
<i>pseudopunctipennis</i>	P	3	
<i>punctipennis</i>	P	1	June thru Oct. April. to Nov.***
<i>quadrimaculatus</i>	V	2	July to Sept. May to Nov.***
<i>walkeri</i>	U	4	
<i>Aedes</i>			
<i>aegypti</i>	V & P	4	
<i>atlanticus</i>	P	4	Mar. to Nov.***
<i>atropalpus</i>	U	4	
<i>canadensis</i>	P	4	June thru July
<i>cinereus</i>	U	4	May or June***
<i>dorsalis</i>	V & P	3	Apr. to Oct.***
<i>dupreei</i>	U	4	June to Oct.***
<i>flavescens</i>	U	4	May or June***
<i>nigromaculis</i>	P	2	May thru Sept.
<i>solicitans</i>	P	4	May thru July Apr. to Oct.***
<i>spencerii</i>	U	4	
<i>sticticus</i>	P	3	May to Aug.**
<i>stimulans</i>	P	4	June or July***
<i>triseriatus</i>	P	3	May to July May to Nov.***
<i>trivittatus</i>	P	3	May thru July May to Nov.***
<i>vexans</i>	P	1	May thru Sept.
<i>zoosopheue</i>	U	4	
<i>Culex</i>			
<i>erraticus</i>	P	4	July July to Aug.**
<i>peccator</i>	P	4	July thru Sept.**
<i>pipiens</i>	V & P	3	May thru Sept. May to Nov.
<i>quinquefasciatus</i>	V & P	3	August
<i>restuans</i>	P	2	May thru Sept.
<i>salinarius</i>	P	2	May thru Sept. May thru Aug.**
<i>tarsalis</i>	V & P	1	June thru Oct.
<i>territans</i>	U	3	May
<i>Culiseta</i>			
<i>inornata</i>	V & P	1	Mar. thru Sept.
<i>Mansonia</i>			
<i>perturbans</i>	V & P	4	Aug. thru Sept. May to Sept.***
<i>Orthopodomyia</i>			
<i>alba</i>	U	4	May to Aug.**
<i>signifera</i>	U	3	June June to Aug.**

Genera and species	Importance*	Density*	Seasonal Distribution

Psorophora			
ciliata	P	3	May to Oct.***
confinnis	P	2	June thru Sept.
cyaneescens	P	4	June thru Aug. May to Oct.***
discolor	P	2	May thru Aug.
ferox	P	3	Apr. to Oct.***
horrida	P	3	May to Sept.***
howardii	P	4	May to Sept.***
longipalpus	P	4	
signipennis	P	3	May thru Aug.
Toxorhynchitis			
septentrionalis	U	4	
Uranotaenia			
sapphirina	U	4	July thru Sept. May to Nov.***

* McNeel and Ferguson (1954)

** Olson and Keegan (1944)

*** Anonymous (1955)

**** Light trap and larval collections at Ft. Riley & Ft. Leavenworth, made available by 5th Army Med. Lab., St. Louis, Mo.

V Vector

P Pest

U Unimportant

1 Abundant and widely distributed

2 Abundant and locally distributed

3 Scarce but widely distributed

4 Scarce and locally distributed.

APPENDIX II

BLOCK KEY TO SUBFAMILY CULICINAE FOUND IN KANSAS - ADULT FEMALE

	PALP I	PROTHORAX	THORAX	SCUTELLUM	WINGS	ABDOMEN
<u>Aschelmin</u>	Nearly as long as prothorax.		Slightly arched.	Rounded on posterior margin.	Distinct markings.	No scales or sternites largely bare.
<u>Culex</u>	Shorter than prothorax.	Slender, flexible, not hooked.	Strongly arched.	Trilobed.		Clothed with broad flat scales.
<u>Toxobrychidini</u>	One-sixth to two-thirds as long as prothorax.	Rigid basal half and strongly curved downward on distal half.		Evenly rounded.	Scales sparse, short and broad.	Flat scales of metallic luster.

BLACK KEY TO GENUS AMPHIELUS FOUND IN KANSAS - ADULT FEMALES

	SCUTUM	SCALAE	SCUTELLUM	ABDOMEN	LEGS	OTHER CHARACTERISTICS
<u>barberi</u>	Integument shiny brown	Long dark setae at least half as long as width scutum.	Clothed with dark setae	Integument brown clothed with dark setae.	Entirely dark	Small species. Wing length 3.0 mm; scales slightly broadened uniformly. dark.
<u>walkeri</u>	Dark brown to black	Clothed with short golden-brown hairs medially; longer dark setae laterally.	Clothed with golden-brown hairs and long dark setae.	Integument dark brown to black; densely clothed with yellow to brown hairs.	Dark. Femora and tibiae tipped with pale scales.	Medium species. Wing length 4.0-4.5 mm; scales narrow dark, some of scales forming four darker spots more or less distinct. Halter knob usually pale scaled. Pelpi with narrow white ring at apex.
<u>quadrimaculatus</u>	Green to black	Clothed with numerous greenish-shaped, pale yellow to golden brown hairs, numerous medially; longer black setae longer laterally.	Clothed with yellow hairs and long dark setae.	Integument dark brown to black, densely clothed with yellowish brown hairs.	Dark. Femora and tibiae tipped with pale scales.	Medium species. Wing length 4.5 mm; scales narrow dark, some of scales forming four rather distinct spots.
<u>crucians</u>	Mottled gray, brown, and black; few dark gray; submedian longitudinal stripes; tubular stripes.	Numerous short yellow hairs, few whitish scales on anterior prementary and on lateral faces.	Clothed with yellowish hairs and long brown setae.	Integument dark brown to black, clothed with numerous yellow to dark-brown hairs.	Dark. Femora and tibiae tipped with white.	Medium species. Wing length 4.0 mm; white to yellowish scales, arranged in contrasting lines and spots. Gaster dark except for pale spot at extreme tip; vein 5 with 3 spots of dark scales.
<u>punctellus</u>	Broad median fringed stripe, dark brown laterally.	Fringed stripe clothed with short pale-yellow hairs; lateral areas with larger dark setae.	Clothed with yellow hairs and long brown setae.	Integument dark brown to black, clothed with pale and dark hairs.	Dark. Femora and tibiae tipped with pale scales.	Medium species. Wing length 4.0 mm; scales black and pale yellow in contrasting lines and spots. Gaster with a pale spot at outer third opposite tip of subcostal vein 5 with basal fourth and apical half dark-scaled; veins 3 and 5 dark-scaled.
<u>pseudomaculellus</u>	Broad median longitudinal fringed stripe, extending the full length of the scutum. Dark anal area with dark brown laterally.	Fringed stripe clothed with narrow yellowish-white scales and pale yellow hairs. Lateral areas with dark brown setae.	Clothed with long brown setae.	Integument brown to black clothed with golden brown hairs.	Dark. Femora and tibiae pale tipped.	Medium species. Wing length 4.0 mm; scales black and pale yellow, arranged on veins in contrasting lines and spots.
<u>pseudomaculellus franciscanus</u>	part dark-scaled; wing scale 2 is entirely dark-scaled except for a subapical white patch on fork 2.1 and a small patch on stem near the cross scale 2-3; vein 4 has often predominantly dark-scaled.					Medium species. Terminal segment of the pelpi has the apical part dark-scaled; wing scale 2 is entirely dark-scaled except for a subapical white patch on fork 2.1 and a small patch on stem near the cross scale 2-3; vein 4 has often predominantly dark-scaled.

BLOCK KEY TO THE SPECIES OF THE GENUS AEGES IN KANSAS

SPECIES	SOUTHW Integument	SCALAE	ABDOMINAL TERGITES	LEGS	HIND TARS I	OTHER CHARACTERISTICS
<u>dorsalis</u>	Dark	Medium longitudinal stripes of brown scales. Remainder yellowish-white.	1st-Medium patch white scales. Others dark with transverse segmental bands of white scales and a medium dorsal stripe of white scales.	Femora and tibia yellowish-white scaled speckled with dark scales.	Basal 2 apical white rings 1-3; 4 has basal white ring with few at apex 5 white.	Wing length 4.0-4.5 mm; row dark brown and white intermixed. Knee spots white. Proboscis is dark, speckled with pale scales basal part.
<u>atropalpus</u>	Black	Broad medium stripe dark bronze-brown. Yellow-white or golden anterior submedially and laterally.	1st-Dark few white scales intermixed. Others dark with basal white bands.	Femora-Just dark posterior surface pale; others pale basal half. Tibia-Dark. Tipped white basal & apical.	Basal 2 apical rings 1-4, 5 almost all white.	Wing length 3.0-3.5 mm; scales narrow dark, white base of costa.
<u>canadensis</u> <u>semdensis</u>	Reddish brown.	Golden brown pattern anterior & lateral margins. May have posterior half stripes of pale scales.	1st-Medium patch dark; scales sprinkled with white. Others dark with narrow basal white bands (not always). 7th and some- times 6th segment white scaled.	Femora-Dark. Posterior surface pale. Tibia-Dark, tipped white basal & apical. Posterior surface streaked with pale scales.	Broad basal white rings 1-4, 5 white.	Wing length 3.2-4.0 mm; scales narrow dark. Front and middle tarsal white rings segments 1-3. White knee spots.
<u>sollicitans</u>	Black	Golden to golden-brown scales dorsally. Dark bronze-brown laterally.	1st-Medium patch yellowish-white scales. Others dark, white laterally, and pale yellow basal end medially.	Femora and tibia dark, speckled with pale scales with pale scales posterior surface, end medially.	Segment 1 ringed white at base, yellow at apical. Segs 2-4 broad white basal ring. Segs 5 white.	Wing length 3.5-4.5 mm; scales broad silver white and brown. White knee spots. Proboscis dark scaled with white ring near middle.
<u>lucrescens</u>	Dark	Broad medium stripe golden-brown scales. Remainder varying shades yellow scales.	1st-Medium patch yellowish-white scales. Remainder yellowish scales with pale scales basally laterally, surrounding large patches dark scales.	Femora and tibia dark, speckled with pale scales. Posterior surface pale.	Broad basal white bands.	Wing length 3.2-4.2 mm; scales are narrow and dark sprinkled with pale scales. Proboscis dark scaled with white ring near apical.
<u>auranti</u>	Dark brown	Pale lyre-shaped pattern on dorsum. Dark bronze-brown.	Narrow basal white bands. Silver-white basal patches laterally.	Femora-Dark. Pale posterior surface with white line base to tip.	Broad basal white rings 1-4, 5 white.	Wing length 2.5-3.0 mm; scales narrow dark. Knee spots white.

<u>zoesonhus</u>	Dark brown	Anterior half olive scaled and a median golden-brown stripe. Posterior half dark brown with olive scales bordering precuticular space.	Anterior half olive scaled and a median golden-brown stripe. Posterior half dark brown with olive scales bordering precuticular space.	Mid femore pale scaled all aspects basal half distal half brownish black. Middle and front femore dark with pale scales on posterior surface of basal half. Knee spots white. Tibiae dark, narrowly marked white basally.	Dark with broad basal white bands on seg- ments 1-4.	Wing length 3.0-3.5 mm scales narrow dark except for patch of white scales on base of costa, subcosta and vein 1. Middle and front tarsi dark with basal white bands on segments 1-3.
<u>yxane</u>	Brown	Golden brown	Lat-dark and pale scales intermixed. Median area light dark with basal white band and basolateral white patches. White scales apical margin last three segments.	Femora dark with scattered pale scales. Knee spots white. Tibi dark. Pale posterior sur- face tibia and femora.	Dark with narrow basal white rings on all segments.	Wing length 3.5-4.0 mm scales narrow and dark. Front and middle tarsi cellularly marked as hind tarsi, but white rings on segment 4 and 5 greatly reduced or absent.
<u>flavescens</u>	Black	Yellowish to light brown scales. Broad median stripe dark brown scales.	Lat-medium patch dull yellowish scales. Remaining entirely clothed with dull yellow scales.	Femora and tibia brown with yellow- ish scales inter- mixed. Pale on posterior surfaces.		Wing length 5.5-6.0 mm scales yellow and brown intermixed. Tarsal segments 2-4 front and 2-5 middle have broad basal yellowish white rings. Large yellowish scales. Proboscis dark brown with scattered yellowish scales.
<u>stimulus</u>	Black	Yellowish-white to light brown. Broad brown median longitudi- nal stripe.	Lat-medium patch white scales. Sthema have broad basal band white to pale yellow scales.	Femora and tibia have intermixed dark and white scales with pale posterior surfaces.		Wing length 4.3-4.8 mm scales brown and white intermixed. Proboscis dark sprinkled with white scales. Tarsal segments 1-3 front, 1-4 middle have basal white ring remaining dark.
<u>chlorisium</u>	Brown to black		Wide median stripes, dark brown scales. White scaled laterally.	Front end middle femora black. Hind femora yellowish white basal half to two- thirds. Tibia dark.	Dark White knee spots.	Wing length 3.5-4.0 mm scales dark. White knee spots.

<u>durosal</u>	Dark brown	Longitudinal stripe silver-white scales. Remainder bronze-brown.	Lat-dark with siliced pale scales. Others dark with white basolateral patches.	Sexa of foreleg white scaled. Posterior surface femora pale scaled. Remainder dark.	Lat segment has pale scales on posterior surface.	Wing length 2.5 mm; narrow brown scales. Small species.
<u>atlanticus</u>	Dark brown	Dark bronze-brown. Silver-white to pale median stripe entire length.	Dark scaled. Basal triangular patches white scales laterally.	Femora-dark except pale posterior surface. Tibia-dark.	Dark	Wing length 3.0-3.5 mm; scales narrow dark.
<u>trivittatus</u>	Dark brown	Pair of narrow stripes of white to yellowish-white scales separated by a median brown stripe. Bronze-brown scales on elytra.	Lat-dark. Others dark with basolateral white patches. Often small median white basal patches.	Dark scaled posterior surface of femora and tibia pale.	Lat segment pale.	Wing length 3.5-4.0 mm; scales dark brown.
<u>spencerii</u>	Black	Yellowish white. Broad median longitudinal stripe brown scales may be divided by pale scales.	Lat-white scaled. Remaining median white stripe and apical & basal white bands or entirely white.	Femora yellowish and brown scales intermixed, posterior surface pale, dark apically. Tibia pale scaled, posterior surface dark apically.	Lat segment pale.	Wing length 3.8-4.1 mm; scales pale and veins dark. Tarsi partly dark scaled, pale on posterior surface, distal segments are darker.
<u>cinereus</u>	Brown	Evenly clothed reddish-brown.	Lat-medium patch brown scales. Others brown.	Femora and tibia dark with posterior surface pale.	Dark	Wing length 3.2-3.8 mm; scales narrow brown, knee spots pale. Medium to small species.
<u>sticticus</u>	Dark brown to black.	Yellowish white. 2 median stripes golden brown scales.	Lat-medium patch white scaled. Others dark with narrow basal white bands, which broaden into basal triangular patch.	Lat & 2nd femora dark, speckled with pale scales. Posterior surface pale. 3rd femora mostly pale scaled dark apically. Tibia dark.		Wing length 3.2-4.0 mm; scales dark. Tarsi dark, may be speckled with pale scales).

BLACK KEY TO CULEX IN KANSAS - ADULT FEMALE
ABDOMINAL TERGITES

PROPOGIES	SCUTUM	LEGS		OTHER CHARACTERISTICS
		Scutellum	Scutellum	
<u>scutellum</u>	Dark	Dark brown	Golden brown	Wing length 2.5-3.0 mm; scales dark. Scutellum has golden scales and brown setae on lobes.
<u>pectus</u>	Dark	Dark brown	Brown	Wing length 2.5 mm; scales dark. Scutellum has brown scales and brown setae.
<u>tergite</u>	Dark with broad median white band.	Brown to black.	Golden brown narrowly margined anteriorly and laterally with white scales.	Wing length 4.0-4.4 mm; scales dark few white on the costa and subcosta. Scutellum has whitish scales and brown setae on lobes.
<u>tergite</u>	Dark	Light brown.	Light brown; anterior and lateral margins paler.	Wing length 3.0-3.3 mm; dark scaled. Scutellum has grayish scales and brown setae on lobes.
<u>gaster</u>	Dark; paler on ventral side.	Brown.	Golden brown; paler on anterior and lateral margin.	Wing length 3.5-4.0 mm; dark scaled. Scutellum has yellowish white to light golden scales and brown setae on lobes.
<u>gaster</u>	Dark with some pale scales on ventral surface.	Light to reddish brown.	Golden brown.	Wing length 4.0-4.4 mm; dark scaled. Scutellum has narrow golden scales and brown setae on lobes.
<u>gaster</u>	Dark.	Brown.	Narrow golden brown.	Wing length 3.5-4.0 mm; dark scaled. Scutellum has narrow golden scales and brown setae on lobes.

* Culex fusca and Culex are similar except at the junction of the basal bands and the basolateral patches, Culex is more broadly joined. Intermediate forms are found.

BLACK KEY TO PSOROPHORA FOUND IN KANSAS - ADULT FEMALE

PROTHORACIS	THORAX	ABDOMEN	OTHER CHARACTERISTICS	
<u>sanfinia</u>	Dark and a wide yellowish white median band.	Scutum clothed brown to blackish scales except for lavender tinted white scales on prescutellar space.	1st tergite median patch of grayish white scales; remaining tergites dark with white to pale yellow scaled apical markings triangular in shape on II and III, and divided into paired submedian patches on IV-VII.	Femora dark brown to black speckled with white scales, posterior surface largely pale scaled. Tibiae black with numerous white scaled spots on outer surface. Hind tarsi have a broad basal ring on each segment; ring absent on front and middle tarsal segment 4 and 5. Wing length 4.0-4.5 mm; scales speckled dark brown and white.
<u>simplioria</u>	Dark scaled basally and apically and a wide whitish yellow median band.	Scutum clothed with golden brown scales, becoming pale yellow on sides.	1st tergite median area white scaled; remaining tergites primarily white scaled and speckled with dark scales.	Femora dark speckled with pale scales and pale on posterior surface. Tibiae dark speckled with pale scales. Hind tarsi with segment 1 pale scaled sprinkled with dark scales, dark ringed subapically and basally. Wing length 3.2-4.0 mm; scales interspersed white and dark brown to black.
<u>discolor</u>	Dark except for wide median pale yellow band.	Scutum clothed with pale yellow to golden brown scales.	1st tergite grayish white scaled on median area; remaining tergites almost entirely covered with grayish white to pale yellow scales.	Femora interspersed with dark brown and pale scales, posterior surface pale. Tibiae pale speckled with dark scales. Hind tarsi with segment 1 pale; 2-5 variable usually pale basal half, dark apical half. Wing length 3.0-3.7 mm; scales dark brown and pale arranged in definite pattern.
<u>howardi</u>	Brown.	Scutum has a narrow median stripe, dark scales and black areas; narrow submedian stripe of dark scales; and a large lateral area of pale scales on either side.	Broad median patch white scales.	Femora yellow scaled, speckled with dark. Tibiae clothed with yellow and purple scales. Tarsi primarily dark scaled blended with yellow end purplish reflection. Second and often first with pale basal ring. Wing length 6.0-6.5 mm; scales dark brown.
<u>silata</u>	Dark brown on basal half; yellow and speckled distal half.	Pale golden narrow median stripe; narrow nude submedian stripe on either side; broad appressed pale yellow to white on sides.	1st tergite Median patch grayish white scales.	Femora yellow scaled, speckled with dark on basal two-thirds, apical part densely with long dark scales. Tibiae with long scales except for narrow basal ring of yellow. Front and middle tarsal segments 1 to 3 pale basally, dark apically segments 4 and 5 dark. Hind first basal ring pale scaled. Wing length 6.0-6.5 mm; scales brown few pale on costa and subcosta.

PELOPOIDAE (continued)

	PROPOGONIS	THORAX	ABDOMEN	OTHER CHARACTERISTICS
<u>Cyanascens</u>	Dark	Scutum clothed with oiled scales, mainly pale yellow to gold or golden brown; lat- eral areas gold to pale yellow or white.	1st tergite largely white scaled; targites II to VI black scaled and with apical submedian triangular patches golden yellow scales; targite VII dark scaled.	Femora yellow scaled and is speckled with dark scales. Tibias and tarsi entirely dark. Wing length 4.0-4.3 mm; scales dark brown.
<u>faxus</u>	Dark	Scutum clothed with dark brown and golden yellow or yellowish white scale net in a definite pattern.	1st tergite with median patch of dark scales; remaining tergites dark scaled.	Femora is dark and is pale on post- erior surfaces. Tibias and tarsi of front and middle legs dark scaled; segments 4 and 5 of hind tarsi white scaled. Wing length 3.7-4.0 mm; scales dark.
<u>harrida</u>	Dark	Scutum has a broad median stripe of dark brown scales which is bordered laterally with grayish white to pale yellow scales.	1st tergite pale scaled; remaining tergites are dark purplish on dorsum.	Front and middle femora dark purplish scaled with the posterior surface being pale. Hind femur basal half pale and dark apically. Front and middle tarsi and tibiae dark scaled. Segments 4 and 5 of hind tarsi white scaled. Wing length 3.8-4.0 mm; scales dark.
<u>lanolabialis</u>	Dark	Scutum has a broad median stripe, dark brown scales bounded laterally by white to yellowish scales.	1st tergite with yellowish white scales; remaining tergites violet scaled dorsally and have small apical patches yellowish scales laterally on IV to VI or VII.	Front and middle femora dark and posterior surfaces pale. Tibias and tarsi of front and middle legs dark. Segments 4 and 5 of hind tarsi white. Wing length about 4.3 mm; scales dark.

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The species of mosquitoes of the subfamily Culicinae (Culicidae), the biting midges of the genus Culicoides (Heleidae), the black fly (Simuliidae) and the horse and deer flies (Tabanidae) known to occur in Kansas, are presented in this study. Recognition characters, bionomics, United States and Kansas distribution and keys to the species and a summary of control measures are given.

The only known serious insect-borne disease in Kansas in recent years is encephalitis. Malaria was a problem many years ago. But it must be realized that when vectors are present and if the proper conditions arise, a disease of epidemic proportions is potentially possible. The medically important mosquitoes which are proved vectors that occur in Kansas are: Anopheles quadrimaculatus, malaria; Aedes aegypti, yellow fever and dengue; Aedes aegypti, Aedes dorsalis, Culex pipiens, Culex tarsalis, Culiseta inornata and Mansonia perturbans, encephalitis. The tabanids, being mechanical transmitters, must be associated with mammalian reservoirs and susceptible hosts; thus, many species can be considered potential vectors of tularemia, anthrax, equine infectious anemia, and anaplasmosis. Simulium occidentale, S. venustum and S. jenningsi are known to transmit leucocytozoon disease. Culicoides spp. are the suspected vector of bluetongue of sheep and fowlpox of poultry.

From the purely pest standpoint, the biting diptera in Kansas do not present problems comparable to those such as the salt marsh mosquitoes along the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts, the black flies and biting midges of the northern woods, nor the deer flies of the more humid forests. In Kansas, mosquitoes are common following heavy rains which produce temporary pools; and biting midges and deer flies can be pests,

particularly in low and wooded areas adjacent to ponds and streams.

During the course of this study forty-seven species of mosquitoes among nine genera, six species of black flies among two genera, forty-seven species of horse and deer flies among seven genera, and eight species of biting midges were found to occur in Kansas.

A block-type key is presented for mosquito identification in addition to the conventional couplet key. It is of more value inasmuch as several important characteristics are available for consideration at one time in condensed form.

Control measures are presented which are not unique for Kansas, since each Kansas species has a counterpart in some other portion of the United States.